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## MILITARY TRAINING OF NATIVES NOT CONTEMPLATED BY ITALY

### British And French Interests In Abyssinia Will Be Respected



The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, above, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that discussions were proceeding for the revision of the Anglo-Argentine trade agreement.

### ANTI-COMMUNIST CO-OPERATION

#### THIN END OF THE WEDGE

#### JAPANESE INFLUENCE IN CHINA

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

Considerable surprise was felt in Government circles here upon receipt of a Tokyo report that Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, insists on joint Sino-Japanese co-operation in fighting the Communists in China.

This co-operation is strongly opposed by the South-west leaders, who some months ago addressed a telegram to Nanking enquiring whether any co-operation had been agreed upon. No reply has been received up to now, but the spokesman of the Nanking Foreign Office denied the acceptance of such a pact.

Combined Sino-Japanese suppression of the Reds would give the Japanese an opportunity to send troops to any part of China, and once they reached the interior of the country, the Japanese troops would not leave. This is the opinion of foremost Kuomintang leaders, such as Messrs. Hu Han-min, Chou Lou and Hsiao Fu-chen.

Japan's foreign policy is to befriend Great Britain and the United States and to dominate the foreign relations of China, according to Tokyo reports. The objective is to isolate the Soviet Union. Sino-Japanese action against the Communists also means a combined drive against Russia, the despatches hint.

### ARMAMENTS IN AMERICA

#### Senator Nye Expresses His Opinion

Washington, To-day.

The Senate has passed the war debt appropriation bill, which now goes to the President.

In the course of the debate Senator Nye condemned large armaments as inevitably leading to war. He particularly attacked the authorisation to build two new battleships.

He said: "The talk of war with Japan springs up every time military appropriations are introduced into Congress, but the military dominance in Japan would have died long ago if annually the United States did not give it a chance to point to our armament programme." — Reuter.

## TOTAL ANNEXATION OF ABYSSINIA

### PROBABLE NEXT MOVE BY ITALY

#### TRAITOR TO BE APPOINTED TO GOVERNORSHIP?

Rome, To-day.

Italy's decision as to the future status of Abyssinia will not be announced before the meeting of the League Council on Monday, and may not even be known then. Official circles are silent and merely reiterate that French and British treaty rights will be respected.

The rapid occupation of Addis Ababa and the flight of the Emperor have taken official circles by surprise. The Negus's flight is held to be juridically tantamount to abdication, and there is now no Government with which Italy can negotiate. The Abyssinian representative at Geneva has no credentials, and is not in a position to negotiate. Italy is therefore left the task of creating a Government, and for a long time the country is likely to remain under military rule.

The talk of the creation of a puppet Emperor is discredited, though a number of native provincial Governors with wide autonomous powers might be established. These would include Ras Gugsu, who deserted to the Italians at the beginning of the campaign.

### NO MORE MILITARY TRAINING IN PEIPING

#### Japanese Pressure Believed Behind Latest Move

Peiping, To-day.

The Kopei-Chahar Political Council has decreed the suspension of military training in all universities and schools here and has ordered military instructors to leave Peiping immediately. The move is reported to be due to Japanese pressure. — Reuter.

### PREMIUM ON NOTES

#### Forced Up By False Rumours

#### MR. CHOU LOU NOT TO RESIGN

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

In an effort to push down the value of Government banknotes, speculators are passing around the rumour that Mr. Chou Lou, ranking political leader in the South-west and head of Sun Yat-sen University, will shortly resign and go to Europe.

The secretary of the University stated this morning that there was no basis for such a report, as Mr. Chou Lou is making new plans for the University for the next academic year. Should Mr. Chou go to London to attend the conference of University Chancellors, he will return to the University here before the autumn term begins, the secretary said.

As a result of the unfounded rumour concerning Mr. Chou, the premium for Hong Kong banknotes rose to 53.6 cents in the dollar last night.

### BRIG-GEN. BEAUMONT LEAVES SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day. — Brigadier-General J. C. Beaumont, whose promotion from the rank of Colonel became effective when he was relieved by Colonel C. F. B. Price, the new commander of the 4th United States Marines, has left for home via Siberia. — Reuter.

It is believed that the annexation of Abyssinia will be recommended at tomorrow's meeting of the Fascist Grand Council. In this event the Council of Ministers, which meets immediately afterwards, will translate the recommendation into a decree.

Rome, Later: "There is only one outcome of the problem of Ethiopian territory, namely, its annexation, pure and simple, to Italy," declares Gayda in the *Giornale d'Italia*, who adds: "This annexation corresponds to the right of Italy as conqueror and to the right of the native population to have the peace, order and protection which they ask, and which the Fascist Government has promised."

**ANNEXATION EDICT**  
Signor Mussolini is expected to announce the annexation of Abyssinia, to 300,000 people in the Piazza Venezia to-morrow. All the Fascist organisations have been ordered to attend to hear the Duce communicate the decision of the Grand Council at about 11 p.m. — Reuter.

**GRAND COUNCIL SUMMONED**  
Rome: An extraordinary meeting of the Fascist Grand Council has been summoned for 10 p.m. to-morrow, at which Signor Mussolini will preside. It is expected that the Council, which is only competent to consider questions affecting Italy's frontiers, will take important decisions regarding Abyssinia.

King Victor Emmanuel has bestowed the Grand Cross of the Order of Savoy on Signor Mussolini, in recognition of the victorious conclusion of the war. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

**THANKS EXPRESSED**  
London: A telegram has been sent to Sir Sidney Barton, British Minister in Addis Ababa, expressing His Majesty's appreciation of the manner in which he has discharged his responsibilities for the interests of British nationals and other foreign nationals in Abyssinia, who have sought his protection, during the period of difficulty and the trying experiences of recent days.

The American Ambassador in London has expressed to the Foreign Secretary the appreciation and thanks of the United States Government for the prompt and efficient assistance rendered by the British Minister at Addis Ababa in evacuating the staff of the United States Legation. — British Wireless Service.



Premier Benito Mussolini, above, has been decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of Savoy as the result of the successful Italian campaign in Abyssinia.

### U.S. MONETARY POLICY

#### Morgenthau Still Cautious

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Henry A. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, declined to discuss the foreign exchange situation, except to say that it was still nervous.

Asked if he would permit the shipment of gold to New York on the British account with a view to facilitating the pegging of sterling in the event of a French gold embargo, Mr. Morgenthau said: "It would be unwise to answer that."

Concerning the monetary conversations with the Chinese Mr. Morgenthau said that the progress was being accelerated, but the conference had not yet concluded. He flatly denied the reports that the Treasury would use the profits realised from the silver programme for the payment of the bonus. — Reuter.

### FRANCE DILLY-DALLIES

Paris, to-day.—The further shelving of sanctions at Monday's meeting of the League is fore-shadowed by the Government decision, which is understood to be to urge the adjournment of serious business pending the formation of a new Government in Paris. — Reuter.

### HINDENBURG'S FLIGHT

#### One-Third Way Across Atlantic

[CHINA MAIL] SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

At 7 p.m. yesterday the airship Hindenburg gave her position as being 48.58 North, 24.25 West. The dirigible, which is proceeding at a speed of about 70 miles per hour, has thus covered one-third of the total distance across the Atlantic. — Trans-Ocean Service.

### NEW AIRPORT FOR LONDON

#### Estimated Cost Of £600,000

London, To-day.

The Court of the Common Council of the City of London has approved the proposal for the establishment of an airport at Fairlands, near Ilford, Essex, at an estimated cost of £600,000. — British Wireless Service.

## 1906 TREATY STILL RECOGNISED

### THREE DECISIONS MADE BY MUSSOLINI

#### GENERAL GARIBALDI APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF ADDIS ABABA

[CHINA MAIL] SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

That the Italian Government informed the French and British Governments that Abyssinia must henceforth be regarded as Italian territory is the assertion made by the press, which also claims authority for stating that the Italian Ambassador, Signor Cerrutti, communicated to the Quai d'Orsay the following three decisions taken by Signor Mussolini:

- (1) Italy will respect the French rights in Abyssinia, especially those embodied in the railroad from Addis Ababa to Djibouti;
- (2) Italy will respect the interests of the British Government in the Tsana territory;
- (3) Italy is not envisaging the military training of the native Abyssinians.

These assurances are interpreted here to signify that Italy, in reorganising Abyssinia, will take due account of the Anglo-French-Italian Treaty of 1906, by which Abyssinia was divided into three respective spheres of interest, providing, however, that Abyssinia is recognised as Italian territory.

Addis Ababa: Marshal Badoglio has appointed General Garibaldi, Commander of the Sabauda Division, to be military Governor of Addis Ababa. The civil Governor, Signor Bottai, former Governor of Rome, has appointed several experienced colonial officials, who formerly resided in Abyssinia, to assist him in organising the administration.

### NO SUCCESSOR TO NEGUS

Rome: It is stated that Italy will not appoint a successor to Haile Selassie, but will leave the various tribes autonomous under Italian sovereignty.

### FRENCH MINISTER HONOURED

Paris: The Cabinet has conferred on the French Minister to Addis Ababa a Commandership in the Legion of Honour, in recognition of the services rendered and the courage displayed by him during the siege of the Legation by the plundering mob. The Minister's wife, Madame Bodard, received on the same occasion the Rosette of a Knight of the Legion of Honour for the aid given by her. — Trans-Ocean Service.

### NO COMPROMISE

#### Smaller States Stand Up For Principle

Geneva, To-day.

The so-called neutral States are taking the bit between their teeth. According to an announcement, an important meeting is being held on Saturday to deal with the attitude to be adopted by the Danish representative on the Council regarding the Abyssinian dispute. The Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland will at present attend, and Spain and Switzerland will be invited.

It is believed that the Scandinavian States may threaten to resign if there is a tendency to compromise with Italy. — Reuter.

Other Cables on Abyssinia will be found on page 10.



The traitor Ras Haile Selassie Gugsu, above, who deserted to the Italians at the outset of the Italian-Abyssinian war, will be rewarded by the Governorship of a province, according to reports from Rome.

### TANGANYIKA MANDATE

#### More Questions In Parliament

#### POSITIVELY NO TRANSFER CONTEMPLATED

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, asked in the House of Commons yesterday to allay the anxieties expressed in the recent declaration by professional business and public men in Tanganyika regarding the alarm among the European, Indian and native inhabitants caused by uncertainty as to the attitude of the British Government on the future of the mandate, replied by recalling the categorical statement he had made on April 27, that the Government had not considered and were not considering the transfer of any mandated territory.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, likewise recalled this statement in reply to a suggestion in a question addressed to him that he should enter into consultation with the Dominion Governments with a view to a uniform declaration of policy regarding the future of the mandated territories. — British Wireless Service.

### MR. JUSTICE R. E. LINDSELL

#### TO GO HOME VIA SUEZ

The many friends of Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell will be glad to learn that he is making a good recovery from his recent heart attack and that he will be passing through the Colony on his way home on leave some time next week.

It will be remembered that Mr. Justice Lindsell, who had been the Acting Chief Justice since Sir Atholl MacGregor went away on leave some months ago, left the Colony for home via America, on Friday, May 1, on the R.M.S. Empress of Japan. He was, however, the victim of a heart attack while on the high seas and was rushed to a hospital when the ship arrived in Shanghai.

Instead of continuing his voyage via America, Mr. Justice Lindsell has decided to travel to England via Suez and will arrive in the Colony next Friday by the a.s. Rajputana, but it is not yet known whether he will go on from here by the same vessel or make other arrangements.

### STILL A GOVERNMENT IN ETHIOPIA

#### M. Martin Waxes Sarcastic

London, To-day.

An erroneous impression seems to be widespread that there is no longer an effective Government in Ethiopia, says M. Martin, the Ethiopian Minister, in a letter to *The Times*. "I wish to state definitely that a group of Ministers is carrying on the Government from the west. They are in possession of the archives and are in effective authority over three-fifths of the country. To reveal their locality at present is impolitic. It would invite the use of bombs and poison-gas." — Reuter.

### NEGUS AT HAIFA

#### Royal Salute To Be Fired

[CHINA MAIL] SPECIAL

London, To-day.

The Negus of Abyssinia, on his arrival in Haifa, where he is expected to-day, will be awaited by a guard of honour composed of a battalion of the First Lancashire Regiment, according to despatches, which add that the royal salute will be fired in honour of the monarch. The latter will immediately go on to Jerusalem by special train.

The authorities of Haifa state that the Negus will not be permitted to communicate with strangers so long as he remains under the protection of the British Government, but that on his reaching Jerusalem, full liberty will be accorded to him in respect of press representatives. — Trans-Ocean Service.

### WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone extends from the Eastern Sea to the Bonins, and the depression has moved into the Pacific to the north-east of Hokkaido. The local-forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was: east winds, moderate; fair.



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## FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Monroe May 8  
Pres. Jackson May 15

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Hakusan Maru May 11  
Sunning May 11  
Tyndarus May 11  
Taiyo Maru May 15  
Pres. Jackson May 15  
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## FROM MANILA

Taipei May 8  
Pres. Jefferson May 8  
Tijsondani May 10  
Deucalion May 15

## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA

Kashima Maru May 9  
Deucalion May 11  
Neudon May 11  
Tijsondani May 12  
Taima May 15  
Kumsang May 15

## FROM JAPAN

General Pershing May 8  
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Pres. Monroe May 8  
Toyooka Maru May 11  
Rakuyo Maru May 11  
Taiyo Maru May 12  
Nako Maru May 14  
Ginyo Maru May 15  
Penang Maru May 15  
Pres. Jackson May 15  
Rajputana May 15

## FROM AUSTRALIA

Taipei May 8  
Tanda May 8

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## HELP IN TIME OF DEPRESSION

## Art To The Rescue

## A SUGGESTION BY MR. LASZLO SCHWARTZ

Mr. Laszlo Schwartz, the eminent Hungarian humorist, in the course of an interesting address to the Hong Kong University Arts Association last night, advocated the establishment of an annual Fine Arts Festival. The speaker outlined what such a festival might do for Hong Kong in the matter of trade and tourist attraction as well as art.

A large gathering of members and their friends were present at the lecture, including Mr. T. A. Martin, President of the Arts Association. The speaker was introduced by Mr. Cheng Yum-see, the Chairman.

Long-Cherished Idea  
Mr. Schwartz said he had had in mind for a long time the idea of this Annual Fine Arts Festival, but it had taken his present visit to the Colony to bring it to full flower. The matter concerned not only Hong Kong, but was of international significance. Sponsored in Hong Kong, the scheme would bring the greatest of returns to the Far East.

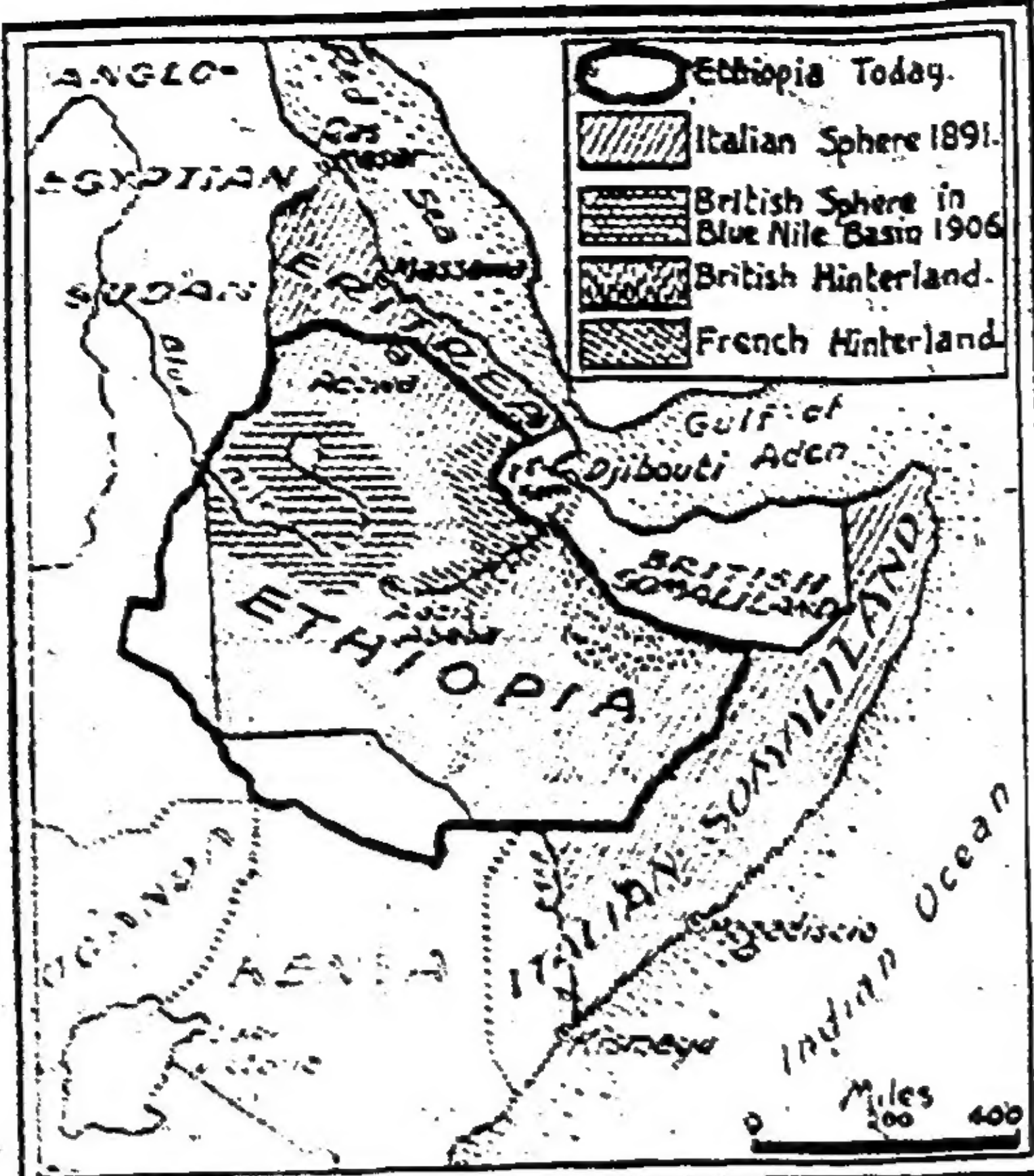
He had chosen Hong Kong because from every angle, geographical, publicity possibility, world sympathy, elements of exoticism, and artistic background, this city was ideally suitable for such a venture. India would have a hard time organizing such an undertaking because of its unwieldy size, and other handicaps; Japan did not at the moment enjoy the sympathy of the whole world; China was too much in a state of flux; Siam was not geographically favourable. The only other possible place would be the Dutch East Indies.

Tourist Possibilities  
The Festival would consist of a complete representation of the Fine Arts of every land in the Far East. Each Government would be asked to co-operate in making it a huge and hitherto unheard of event, that Music and other Art festivals would pale alongside it. Every land in the East would be asked to send its best performers and creative artists, as well as the works of their best artists, ancient and modern, to be represented.

The Festival would bring a volume of profit to the hotels, steamship companies, transport, dealers of art works, and others in the Colony. These concerns could advertise the attractions, and it would pay. Good art could be made to pay.  
Mr. Martin on behalf of the Arts Association thanked Mr. Schwartz for his very interesting and thought-provoking address, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, which was cordially endorsed by the audience.

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Our map shows the apportionment of the spheres of influence in Abyssinia before the Italo-Ethiopian war. All will now be changed by the expected declaration of the total annexation of Abyssinia by Italy, though it is stated by authoritative Italian quarters that the treaty rights of England and France will be respected, provided the conquered country is admitted to be Italian.

## CHARGE OF BRIBING REVENUE OFFICERS

## Defence Submissions

## RANDALL ELECTS TO MAKE NO STATEMENT

The case was continued yesterday afternoon, before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistrate's Court, against Albert Randall and seven Chinese, who are charged with conspiring to bribe Revenue Officers of the Import and Export Department.

Randall is also charged with giving a bribe of \$500 to Senior Chinese Revenue Officer Mo Kang at the To Yuen Restaurant on March 31. The Chinese defendants are as follows: Li Yick, 32, master of the Wing Lee firm, 18, Queen's Road West; Leung Yau, 32, unemployed, 501, Queen's Road West; Ho Loi, 27, salesman, 121, Taiman Street; Ho Shum, 29, unemployed, 4, Wah Lane; Li Kwai-yick, 40, unemployed, 32, Wing Lok Street; Kwan Sing, 36, unemployed, 15, Upper Lascar Row; and Ngan Cheong, 29, unemployed, 24, Possession Street. Randall, who was represented by Mr. W. C. Hunk, of Messrs. Deacons, in the absence of Mr. W. A. Mackinlay through indisposition, reserved his defence and made no statement.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, assisted by Detective Inspector M. Murphy, conducted the prosecution, while Mr. W. M. Brown appeared on behalf of the Chinese defendants.

Formal evidence given by Kwan Tat-choi, police translator, regarding translations of note-books and papers found on all of the defendants, concluded the Crown case.

Mr. Brown's Case  
Dealing with the case against the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth defendants, Mr. Brown submitted that, as the learned Assistant Attorney General had said in his opening, the only evidence against them was that they were found on the floor of the To Yuen Restaurant; that they were introduced by Li Yick as collectors and their names were noted on a piece of paper. In answer to the charge of conspiracy all the defendants said they did not know anything about it or words to that effect. The work. — Reuter.

The defendants sat apart from the table where Randall, Li Yick, Leung Yau and the revenue officers were seated and they did not take part in the discussion even when their names were mentioned.

There were certain papers found on the five defendants, but the Crown had not proved that the addresses contained on them were opium divans for there was plenty of opportunity between the time of the arrest and the hearing of the case for the premises to be raided. He submitted that his Worship should not take any notice of the slips of paper produced by the Crown.

In conclusion, Mr. Brown agreed that the evidence against Li Yick was stronger. He was present at all the meetings. He introduced the collectors to Randall, who was the only person who took part in the discussions. Mr. Brown submitted, however, that the Crown had not made out a case against Li Yick, Leung Yau and the five collectors.

Case to Answer  
His Worship examined the translations of the various documents and held the defendants had a case to answer. Randall was then cautioned and when asked if he wished to make a statement replied: "No, your Worship."

Li Yick and Leung Yau both declined to make statements, either from the dock or from the witness box.

Ho Loi and Ho Shum, fourth and fifth defendants, gave evidence, denying the charges against them.

The hearing was then adjourned to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday next.

## SINO-BURMESE FRONTIER

## Commission To Resume Business

London, To-day.  
Lord Cranborne, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to Mr. G. L. M. Mander (L., E. Wolverhampton) said that the commission defining the Sino-Burmese border has been engaged in examining the disputed section of the frontier during the recent open season from December to the end of April. It returns in the next open season to complete about it or words to that effect. The work. — Reuter.

## FREAK WHIST HANDS

## One Suit To Each Player

A player at a whist drive at Lydney, Gloucester, found that he had been dealt a complete suit of diamonds. Diamonds were trumps. More remarkable still, it was found that the three other players at the same table had each complete suits. The cards had been well shuffled and had been cut twice. The holder of the trumps was Tom Rees, a well-known Lydney man.

All the players at the drive were wondering whether a world's record had been established at the table. It had not. At least two previous cases of four players each having 13 cards of the same suit have been reported. The odds against this happening have been estimated at about 635,000,000 to one.

## NAZI ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRIA

## Several Well-Known People Arrested

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Vienna, To-day.  
Among others arrested here for alleged National-Socialistic activities are the famous playwright Otto Emerich, the well-known author and translator of Nordic literature Kotas, the novelist Landgrebe, and the musical-comedy composer Heinrich Stricker.

Baron Ernst August von Mandelsloh, one of the best known of Austria's younger generation of painters, has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment and fined 300 schillings on similar charges. — Trans-Ocean Service.



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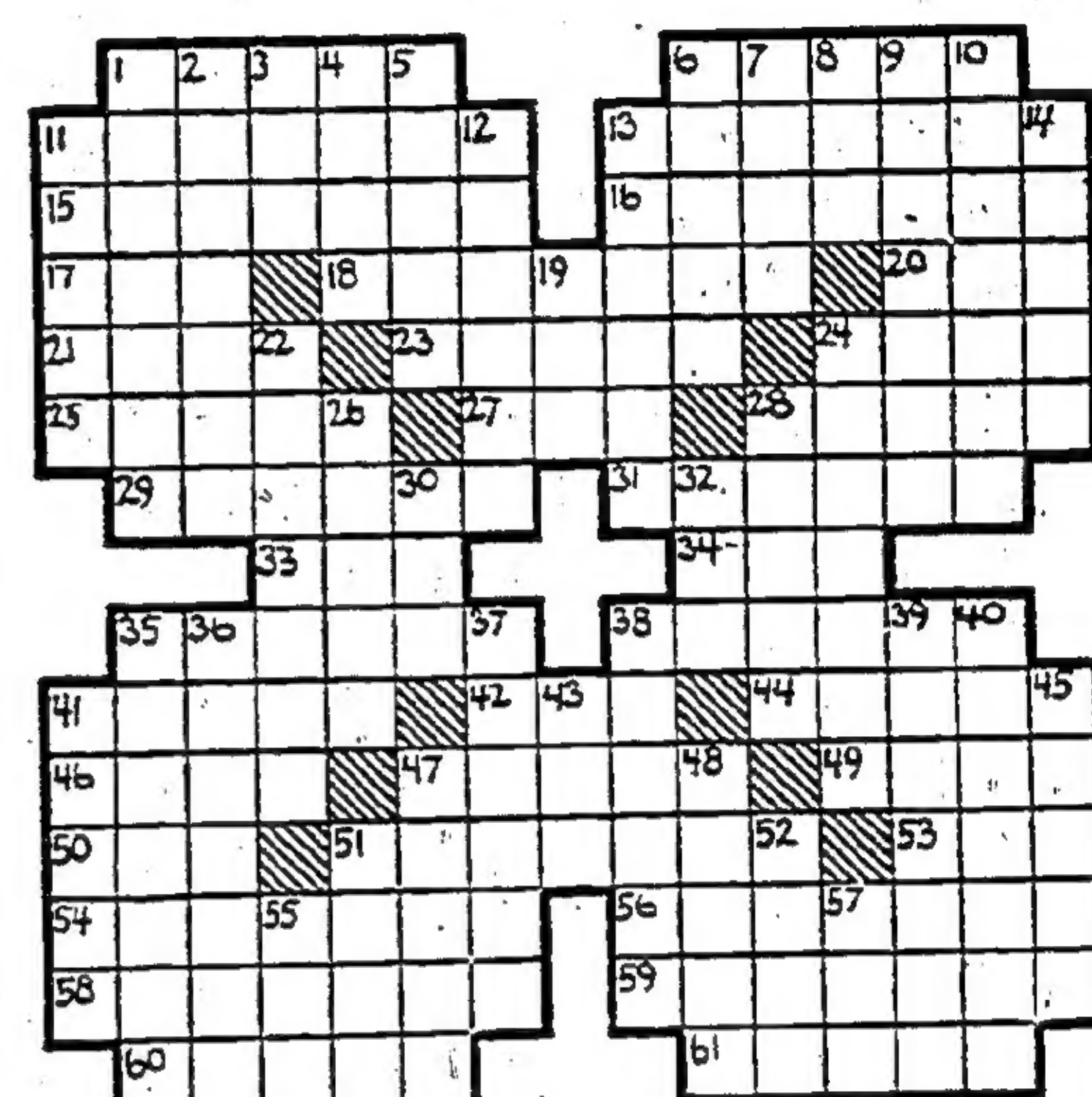


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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



## HORIZONTAL

1-Edits  
2-Grip  
11-Wicked  
12-Nurtured  
13-Workshop (Fr.)  
14-More convenient  
17-Kneck  
18-Originate  
20-Total loss only (abbr.)  
21-Small bird (r.)  
23-Save  
24-Walk  
25-Clipped  
27-Incise  
28-Wharfs  
29-Frightened  
31-Corrects  
33-A dress material  
34-Member Executive Council (abbr.)  
35-To sell in small quantities  
38-Affrays  
41-Produced  
42-Love (Lat.)  
44-Muse of lyric poetry  
46-English school

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

1-Above (Scott.)  
2-Makes a mistake  
3-Little island in inland waters  
21-Absence of living disease germs  
23-Royal Academy of Arts (abbr.)  
24-Italian seaport  
26-Exciting  
28-Term  
3-Disturb the order of  
3-Bedou  
3-Scorch  
1-Holds  
2-Free from disease germs  
3-A wire measure  
4-Large lake  
5-Appears  
6-Slatted box  
7-A thoroughfare  
8-Augment  
10-Soft crabs  
11-Starts suddenly

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

12-Arranged, as hangings  
13-Accuse  
14-Lets fall  
15-Scold  
22-Native of Sparta  
24-Honest  
26-Give pleasure to  
28-English pastoral poet  
30-Prefix, Upon  
32-Madame (Fr. abbr.)  
35-Retracts  
36-Conceit  
37-Kind of rig (Naut.)  
38-Provided about  
39-Ornament for the car  
40-Old  
41-Strikes  
43-Swab  
45-A tree  
47-Founder of Astoria, Oregon  
48-Anger  
51-A continent  
52-A Hindu garment (abbr.)  
55-A point of compass  
57-A color

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

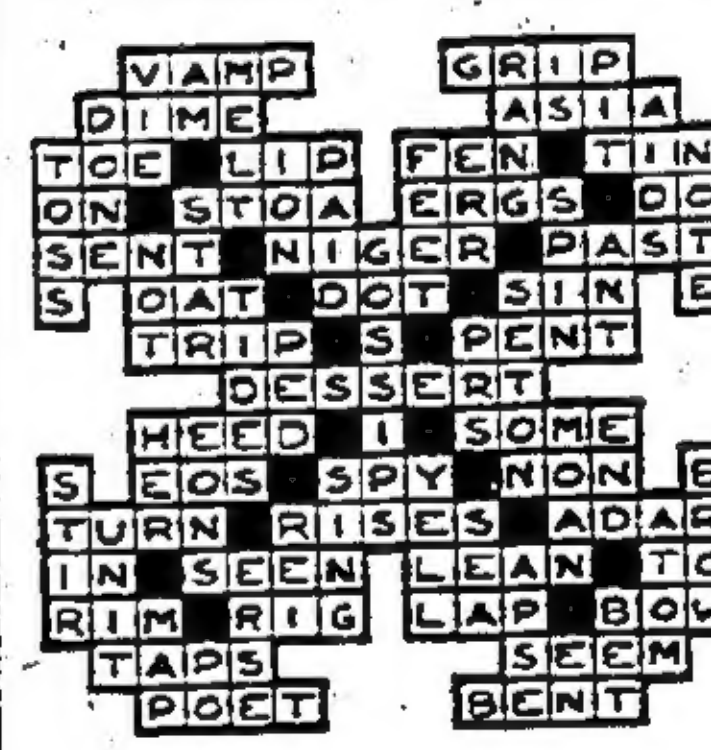
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## ANOTHER SUICIDE REPORTED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Vienna, To-day.  
The former owner and editor of the well-known paper *Sonn-und Montags Zeitung*, Dr. Ernst Kleebinder, whose name figured prominently in the list of payments made by the collapsed Phoenix Insurance Company for "publicity," committed suicide yesterday in the town of Susak in Czechoslovakia, where he had fled to escape arrest.

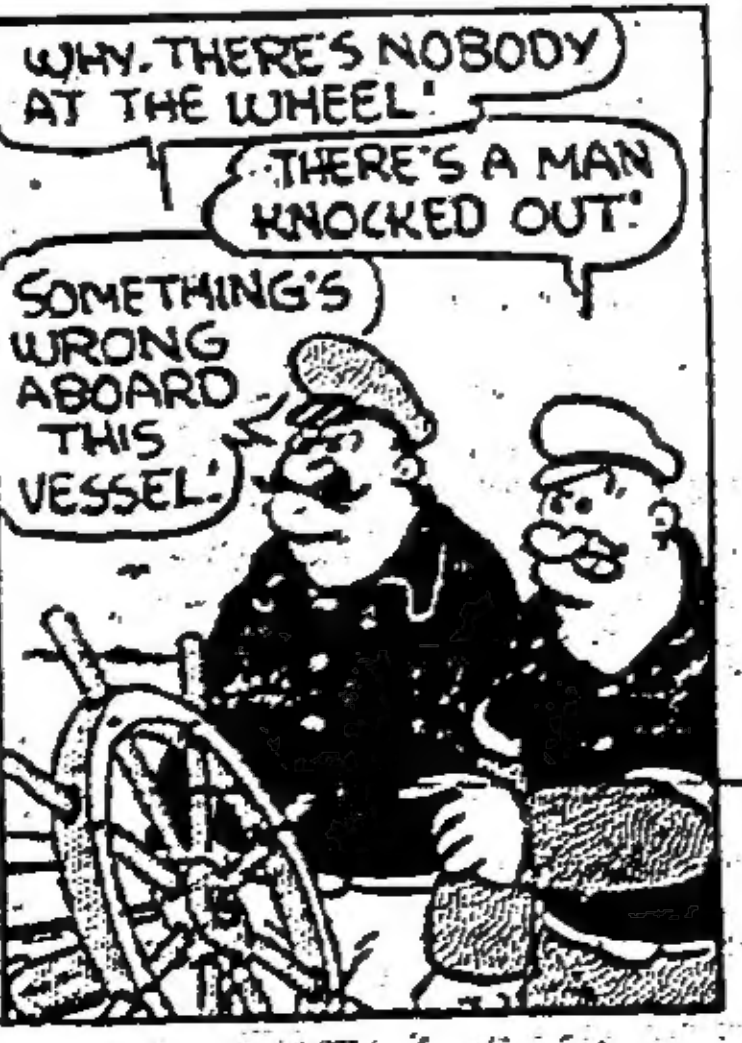
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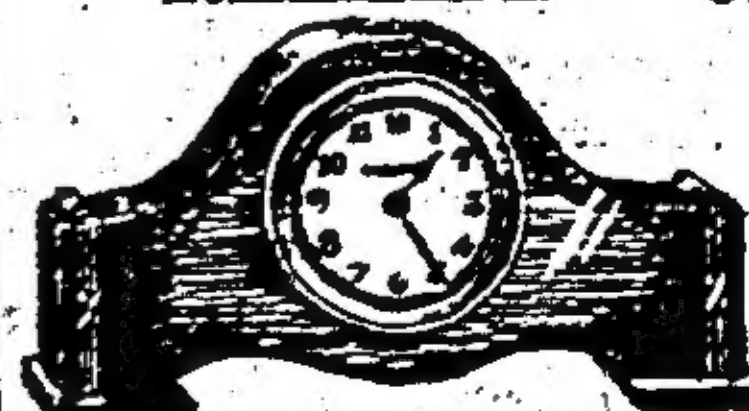
suicide which has occurred in connection with the Phoenix Company. Kleebinder was alleged to have received 650,000 schillings. — Trans-Ocean Service.

## POPEYE. — "Itching Nuckles."



## To-morrow. — "The National Flower Of Spinachova."

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## OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary MacRobert

WIFE OF CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS OFFICER

The death has occurred at the age of 28 of Mrs. Mary MacRobert, wife of Captain I. MacRobert of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Mrs. MacRobert is a member of a well-known local family, being the daughter of Mr. R. C. Witchell.

The funeral has been arranged to take place at the Colonial cemetery, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, when Captain MacRobert, who is away with his ship, the Li Kin, is expected to be back.

### MR. A. VON GONTARD

Taken Ill While On World Tour

The death occurred yesterday in the Canossian Hospital at 8.55 a.m. of Mr. Alexander Carl von Gontard, retired broker of New York, who was travelling round the world, but was landed here early in April, and taken to hospital seriously ill. Later pneumonia supervened and Mr. von Gontard passed away as stated. He had intended to go to Japan and then to return to New York via Europe.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at Happy Valley, passing the monument at about 5.15 p.m.

### EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA

Exchanging Diplomatic Representatives

Cairo, To-day. Ali Pasha Maher, the Egyptian Prime Minister, and the Saudi Arabia representative have signed a treaty whereby each recognises the existing regime of the other and agrees to exchange diplomatic representatives.—Reuter.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### I Turn Reporter—II

By Ely Culbertson

[Mr. Culbertson continues his description of a "friendly game" he recently watched. The first hand appeared yesterday.] "Well," remarked North cheerily as the cards were being dealt for the next hand, "if there's any justice it's our turn now." West, dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

### NORTH

S. 4  
H. 8 4  
D. A K J 7 5  
C. K 10 8 6 2

### WEST

S. K 10 6 5  
H. A 9  
D. Q 10 4 3  
C. 7 5 3

### EAST

S. A Q 7 3  
H. K Q 7 6 2  
D. 9 6  
C. A J

### SOUTH

S. J 9 8 2  
H. J 10 5 3  
D. 8 2  
C. Q 9 4

The bidding:—West North East South Pass 1 diamond Double Pass 2 NT Pass 3 hearts Pass 3 spades pass 4 spades [final bid]

North opened the diamond king and South made the excellent play of failing to begin an echo, playing the deuce instead. North followed instructions and made the proper shift to a low club. Declarer played the ace from dummy and then dummy's two high trumps, cursing under his breath when North showed out on the second trump lead. The ace of hearts, followed by the king and queen, revealed the 4-2 division of that suit. Declarer's case was hopeless. There was no way to avoid the loss of two diamonds, one club, and one trump.

Now began the mutual admiration remarks on the part of the defenders.

"Nice work," said North. "If you'd have echoed for a diamond continuation the club jack could have been discarded from dummy on the third round of diamonds and the contract would have been so easy that even West would have made it."

"It's a pleasure to get a partner that follows signals," complimented South, in his turn.

"When you fellows get through patting each other's backs," growled West, "maybe we can play another hand that won't be stacked in your favour!"

In all fairness, there was justice in his complaint. Admittedly, the defence had been good, but, at the same time, the cards had broken badly for the declarer.

### BACK TO NORMAL IN CAPITAL

Italian Troops Patrol Streets As Police

Addis Ababa, To-day. Conditions in the city have now returned to normal, with Italian troops patrolling the streets as police, and the soldiers guarding the United States Legation have been withdrawn. Engineers have already repaired the Government wireless station, and 1,500 lorries are on the way with supplies.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

One case each of diphtheria and enteric fever were reported to the Health authorities during the 24 hours ended on Wednesday.

## 47 Killed In Spanish Disorders: 261 Injured

Madrid, To-day.

Forty-seven persons lost their lives, and 261 received injuries, during the last two months of disorder in Spain, according to the casualty list compiled by the Right Parties during the recent debate in the Cortes.

It was furthermore revealed that 52 large buildings, mostly churches, were destroyed by fire during the same period. The

Right Parties asked the Government to bring the rioting to an end by disarming the anarchist elements of all parties.

The Minister of the Interior, Senor Casales Quiroga, stated that irresponsible persons were trying to incite the population to acts of violence by spreading wild rumours, but that the Government was adopting the strictest measures in combating them.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## Radio: To-day's Programme

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

Relay of the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. Recital by Helen Lockhart. 12.30-2.15 p.m.—European recorded Programme.

12.30 p.m.—A Light Concert. 1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Military Band Music. 1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins. Rugby Press News, Local: Weather forecast, time and announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down. 4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme. 7 p.m.—A Piano Recital by Evelyn Howard.

1. Prelude and Fugue No. 10 in E Minor (Bach).

2. Prelude and Fugue No. 11 in F Major (Bach).

Prelude No. 12 in F Minor (Bach).

3. Prelude Fugue No. 14 in F sharp Minor (Bach).

4. Prelude and Fugue No. 15 in G Major (Bach).

7.17 p.m.—Old Favourites by Layton and Johnstone.

1. Music in the Air—I've told every little star.

2. Lazybones.

3. I cover the Waterfront.

4. Mood Indigo.

7.30 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.

7.50 p.m.—From the Studio. "Book Reviews" by A.D. 8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal. Weather Report, Stock Quotations and Announcements.

8.05 p.m.—A French Programme. Songs—

Sapho—Air de Jean (Massenet). L'Attaque du Moulin—"Adieux a la Foret" (Bouman).

Georges Thill (Tenor). Instrumental—

Variations Libres et Finale (Pierne). Quintette Instrumental de Paris.

Songs—

Tolores—Valse (Waldteufel). Les Sirenes—Valse (Waldteufel). Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

Orchestral—

Musette Et Tambourin (Rameau). Menuet (Boccherini).

Orchestra Symphonique.

Song—

Berceuse de Jocelyn (Silvestre). Andre D'Arkor (Tenor).

8.40 p.m.—The J. H. Squire Calceste Oetel.

Serenade (Moszkowski). Moment Musical (Schubert).

Collette—Valse (Fraser-Simson). Memories of Devon—Valse (Evans).

Narcissus (Nevin). Valse Bluettes—Air de Ballet (Drigo).

9 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin and Announcements (Copyright by Reuter).

9.20 p.m.—Military Band Selections.

Grand March—"Le Prophete" (Meyerbeer, arr. Reynolds).

Sing a Song (Hea). Blue Devils—March (Williams).

9.30 p.m.—From the Studio. A Recital by Helen Lockhart.

(Central) accompanied by E. O'Neil Show:



Irvin S. Cobb makes his screen debut in "Everybody's Old Man" which will be shown at the Alhambra Theatre soon.

### Programme

1. Serenade ..... Schubert.
2. To Music ..... Schubert.
3. Impatience ..... Schubert.
4. Ich grolle nicht ..... Schumann.
5. None but a lonely heart ..... Tchaikovsky.

### HORSEWOMAN KILLED

Mrs. Betty Cooper, aged 28, wife of Dr. G. Cooper, of Lyndhurst, Oxford-road, Woodstock, a research worker in the anatomical department of Oxford University Museum, died in the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford last month after being thrown while riding and kicked in the head.

# "Had I only been warned!"

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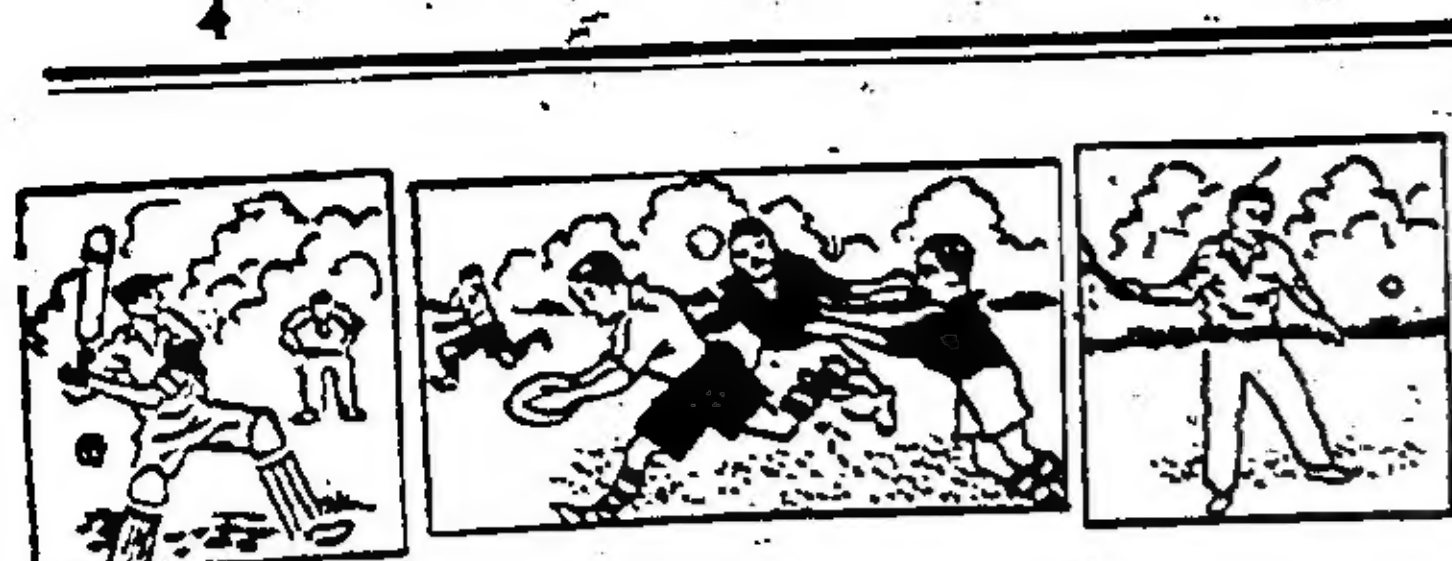
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# Sporting Page



## RECREIO COLLAPSE AMAZINGLY AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER "A"

**PROSPECTS  
FOR LEAGUE  
LAWN TENNIS**

**CHAMPIONS MISS  
LEE WAI TONG**

**I.R.C. MUCH STRONGER  
THIS SEASON**

(By "ACE")

Eight teams will vie with one another for honours in the premier division of the Hong Kong lawn tennis League series, which is due to commence towards the latter part of this month, and followers of the game will be glad to know that interesting changes made in several of the leading clubs will help materially to make the final issue a very open affair.

The champions, the Chinese Recreation Club, will be affected by the absence of Ho Ka-lau, who has gone North, and Lee Wai-tong, another outstanding performer, who is now on his way to Europe with the Chinese Olympic Football team. Lee's performances on local courts have been par excellence, and when speaking to a member of the C.R.C. I was told that the loss is far greater than can be imagined by most people, both from the point of view as a player and as a personality.

The champions, who are entering two teams, have had a record period of successes, and, with such a concrete background, must again be regarded as favourites for the League title. One or two vacancies will affect most teams, but the C.R.C. are more than fortunate in having several players who have previously assisted the "A" teams from time to time.

### Probable Pairings

To date, no partnerships have been definitely decided upon by the C.R.C. captain, W. C. Hung, or the Committee, but it is generally considered that the Open Doubles champions, the Tsui brothers, will not be paired together. Lai Kwong-tsun may be seen in partnership with the younger Tsui, and W. C. Hung may be paired with either Lu Tak-cheuk or Luk Ding-cheung.

The Colony champion, Tsui Wai-pui, will in probability be paired with Paul Kong. This combination is, without a doubt, strong enough to cause more than a deal of worry to all opponents.

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### FUSILIERS MUST BEAT CLUB

**Runners-Up Position  
In The Balance**

**SLOAN DOUBTFUL STARTER  
FOR CIVILIANS**

The Fusiliers, who are gradually losing their opportunity of finishing runners-up in the Second Division of the football League, will play the Club to-morrow and cannot afford to drop a point, for, even if they win both of their remaining games, they can only tie with the East Lancers, in which case a play-off will be necessary.

The defence, with Cresty, in the pivotal position, and Saunders, in goal, should be able to hold the Club forwards, while Singleton, Bumster and Sullivan are quite capable of scoring goals.

### Payne In Goal

The Club will have Payne in goal, with D. Hynes and Sykes at back. The intermediate line, which will probably be hard pressed against the Fusilier forwards, will be composed of Millington, Shaw and Hopkins.



A. Hyde-Lay, the K.C.C. skip, above, was featured in a thrilling and successful duel with J. Shepherd at the Valley last Saturday.

### NAVY PLAY LAST LEAGUE SOCCER GAME

**CLASH WITH CLUB  
TO-MORROW**

**FWELLER WILL BE MISSED  
ON WING BY CIVILIANS**

The Navy will complete their fixtures in the Senior Division of the Football League when they meet the Club on the latter's ground to-morrow, and unless they give a better display than last week, the civilians will find it very difficult to secure even one point.

The Navy are fielding a very useful side and with the exception of Wollerson, whose place is being taken by Hills, of the junior team, the side is quite as strong as any fielded this season.

Spencer has not struck his best form since his promotion, but with McLeod and Gould assisting him he should be able to give the Club a busy afternoon.

### Strange Returns

The return of S. Strange, after his honeymoon, will greatly strengthen the Club, and Robertson will make a welcome return at right-half.

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### ROVER'S FORECAST

The following is the forecast for the week-end fixtures, giving the favoured team in capital letters:

TO-MORROW	
Club	Navy
Lyemun (R.A.)	FUSILIERS
(Sookunpoo, 4.45 p.m.)	
SECOND DIVISION	
Club	FUSILIERS
(Club, 3.15 p.m.)	
SUNDAY	
East Lancers	Club
(Club, 4.45 p.m.)	

### FUSILIERS SHOULD BEAT LYEMUN

**Though Gunners May  
Force Draw**

**TALBOT BACK TO PIVOT  
POSITION**

Should both teams reproduce the same form they have displayed in their last few games, the encounter between the Fusiliers and Lyemun at Sookunpoo to-morrow should be interesting. Both teams have been playing well, though the Gunners provided the biggest surprise.

The Fusiliers are fielding their usual team, though Dennis, who plays in the forward line, is the only doubtful starter. The forwards will be led by Evans and will include Harrison and Hughes. Talbot will return to his old position as pivot, but he will have a busy time against the improved Gunner forward line.

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### EXCITING BOWLS ON POLICE GREEN

**CIVIL SERVANTS CAUSE  
MAJOR UPSET**

**ELECTRIC TEAM'S REVIVAL**

(By "Skip")

CLUB de Recreio nearly created the week's sensation with a win over Craigengower "A" last Saturday, when these two teams met at the Valley, the latter securing the League points by six shots. When it is noted that Craigengower were down by 15 shots at the fourteenth head, it will be realised what a change came over the game in the later stages. It was all due to Dick Basa, who piled up the points against F. X. M. de Silva, while U. M. Omar and R. F. Luz were only holding their own against Dick Alves and C. G. Silva respectively.

The latter two's wins were not enough to wipe out the 19-shot margin which Basa eventually secured, after scoring 22 to his opponent's two after the tenth head. Alves, by the way, had an inspired period midway through the game, and scored 15 in four heads—no mean feat against a player of Omar's calibre.

Last week I had occasion to comment on the fact that Hyde Lay had lost two fives in the last two heads and, although he has not made me eat my words, he certainly passed the buck by getting a four and a six in his last two heads against a Police rink skipped by J. Shepherd. The last head was very changeable and full of excitement.

When the skips went down the Police lay one shot, but A. Hyde Lay put a pound on and took this out to lay three. Shepherd drove, but the jack rebounded from a K.C.C. wood six.

Harry Westlake and his opposite number, Harry Rose, had a very keen game not to mention plenty of friendly backchat, the chief point in dispute being, apparently who's turn it was to bend down to chalk the last touch, which there were many on both sides.

### C. H. Basto's Big Margin

At the K.C.C. where their second string played the Police, Jimmy Jack was up enough to carry two losing-rinks, neither of which, it must be added in fairness, were very much down. A similar result eventuated at Club de Recreio, who were playing the Football Club's first string. C. H. Basto having enough in hand against Gregory to ensure success.

The first tie of the season, and one indicative of a revival of the Electric team, took place at Ming Yuen, where Craigengower, last week's conquerors of the Bowling Green juniors, were being entertained. If duties permitted of a little more consistency in the constitution of their rinks, I think the Electric Company's team would go far, but I suppose someone has to "make the wheels go round" and they are rarely, if ever, able to turn out their full strength.

### Surprise Result

I was surprised to see this result as I had quite made up my mind that the home team were on the weak side this year. With two rinks finished and all square, an exciting finish took place between the rinks skipped by F. J. Jones and L. Guy, the head changing several times before Guy drew the shot to the tie, only to be "out-drawn," if I may coin a word, by Jones, who pulled out a beauty for a two-shot win.

Adam Holland's rink scored a seven in this match and only missed a possible by an inch and a half! Holland himself was responsible for the big count, and he followed out his No. 3's instructions to a telly to push the third shot through just enough to lay a bunch. I wonder, by the way, whether the whisky offer which one of the local firms used to make for a possible, still holds good?

### Indians' Home Win

Down at Sookunpoo where the Kowloon Dock team were the visitors, the Indians got home as I anticipated, winning on two of the rinks. Mitchell, who got into the semi-final of the Open Singles Championship last year, was skipping one of the Dock rinks and was up on Madar by three shots after a neck-and-neck race all through, and Ramsey, the Inter-port lead, who was also skipping for the first time, I believe, went down by four to the left-handed Minu. On the other rink a four, followed by a six made all the difference between Dallas and McKelvie, and for that matter, in the match.

In the Second Division, the Junior champions won as was expected, being up on all rinks, M. Omar, W. V. Field (skip).



V. Ramsey, above, the Inter-port lead, suffered his first defeat of the season as a skip for Kowloon Docks last Saturday.

### BOWLING GREEN TO ENCOUNTER CHAMPIONS

**Taikoo's First Game  
This Season**

**DEATH OF G. J. CHAMBERS**

(By "SKIP")

Craigengower, "A's" visit to the Bowling Green should produce some good bowling to-morrow in the Senior Division, and is the "tip-bit" of the programme. I think the visitors should just about win, but there should not be much in it at the end. The absence of two of last year's players in E. W. Bradbury and H. Beer does not seem to have weakened the champions at all, and that it is not safe to take things easily, even if you have a good lead, was proved by their magnificent recovery last week.

The Civil Service C.C. should account for the Indians, but I cannot see the Police team coming away heavily laden with points from

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### "Skip's" Forecast

#### FIRST DIVISION

C.S.C.C. (58)	v	L.R.C. (56)
K.B.G.C. (52)	v	C.C.C. "A" (56)
Recreio (67)	v	P.R.C. (53)
K.C.C. (—)	v	Taikoo (—)
C.C.C. "B" (77)	v	K'loon Docks (33)

#### SECOND DIVISION

C.C.C. (93)	v	C.S.C.C. (38)
H.K.F.C. "A" (58)	v	K.B.G.C. (69)
P.R.C. (47)	v	Recreio (74)
H.K.F.C. (65)	v	K.C.C. (44)

H.K.F.C. (—) v H.K.F.C. "B" (—)  
Figures in brackets denote the result of the corresponding game last season and underlined teams are favoured to win.

### R. DUNCAN LEADS IN SKIP'S RACE

**SHOT AHEAD OF LAST  
YEAR'S CHAMPION**

**LEWIS HEADS JUNIOR LIST**

R. DUNCAN, the Colony Singles and Pairs Lawn Bowls champion, at present leads the First Division Skips' table with a 100 per cent. record, being 19 shots up, while C. G. Silva, the Recreio skip who headed the table last year, is one shot behind, also with 100 per cent.

A. A. Lewis, of Craigengower, leads the Junior Skips with two wins in as many games. He is followed by G. E. F. Thompson, of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, with the same number of wins but 14 shots less.

The following are complete League records for every skip this season:—

#### FIRST DIVISION SKIP'S TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	UP	Down	Pts.
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	47	23	19	0	4
C. G. Silva (Recreio)	2	2	0	0	43	25	18	0	4
W. E. Hollands (P.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	44	39	5	0	4
F. Jones (C.S.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	38	35	3	0	4
W. V. Field (C.C.C. "B")	1	1	0	0	22	11	11	0	2
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C. "B")	1	1	0	0	27	18	9	0	2
G. N. Mitchell (K.D.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	18	3	0	2
L. Guy (K.B.G.C.)	2	1	1	0	44	39	5	0	2
R. Basa (C.C.C. "A")	2	1	1	0	52	29	13	0	2
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.)	2	1	1	0	46	35	11	0	2
H. A. Alves (Recreio)	2	1	1	0	45	41	4	0	2
R. P. Phillips (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	41	38	3	0	2
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	41	38	3	0	2
R. F. Luz (C.C.C. "A")	2	1	1	0	38	36	2	0	2
A. Hyde-Lay (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	44	43	1	0	2
U. M. Omar (C.C.C. "A")	2	1	1	0	43	43	0	0	2
F. X. da Silva (Recreio)	2	1	1	0	46	47	0	1	2
A. R. Dallas (L.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	35	39	0	4	2
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	34	45	0	12	2
A. R. Minu (L.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	34	45	0	12	2
J. Cavanagh (C.C.C. "B")	1	0	1	0	21	23	0	2	0
V. Ramsey (K.D.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	13	22	0	9	0
McKelvie (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	28	45	0	17	0
N. J. Bebbington (K.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	33	53	0	20	0
J. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	28	48	0	20	0
A. O. Madar (L.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	51	0	22	0
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	51	0	22	0

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	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	UP	Down	Pts.
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	53	27	26	0	4
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	46	34	12	0	4
H. Rose (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	42	34	8	0	4
C. H. Basto (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	37	15	21	0	2
C. B. Robertson (H.K.F.C. "A")	1	1	0	0	25	12	13	0	2
H. H. Sherriff (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	11	12	0	2
J. Jack (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	17	11	0	2
Dr. J. A. R. Selby (H.K.F.C. "B")	1	1	0	0	23	18	5	0	2
W. McHardy (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	22	19	3	0	2
J. F. Lammet (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	22	19	3	0	2
A. Chapman (H.K.F.C. "B")	1	1	0	0	22	19	3	0	2
S. Logan (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	18	3	0	2
B. E. Manghan (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	22	19	3	0	2
F. X. Soares (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	17	15	2	0	2
H. V. Pearce (C.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	22	21	0	1	0
R. R. Davies (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	17	18	0	1	0
A. Webster (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	15	17	0	2	0
J. Rodger (H.K.F.C. "A")	1	0	1	0	19	22	0	3	0
E. J. Edwards (H.K.F.C. "B")	1	0	1	0	18	21	0	3	0
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	22	0	4	0
W. H. Musket (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	19	23	0	4	0
G. E. Costello (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	23	0	5	0
L. F. Lammet (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	15	21	0	6	0
H. P. Westlake Sr. (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	36	43	0	7	0
A. Ward (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	17	25	0	8	0
J. Bentley (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	11	22	0	12	0
J. S. Riddell (P.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	10	23	0	13	0
H. F. Westlake Jr. (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	12	25	0	13	0
P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	1	0	1	0	16	37	0	21	0
J. Gregory (H.K.F.C. "A")	1	0	1	0	9	31	0	22	0
W. S. Drake (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	1	0	9	31	0	22	0

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## Selected Lawn Bowls Teams For To-morrow

The following are selected Lawn Bowls teams for to-morrow:—

#### FIRST DIVISION

Indian R.C.	D. M. Khan, S. M. Ramjahn, M. Y. Adal, A. R. Dallas (skip).
Kowloon C.C.	J. Hoosen, A. K. Minu, A. H. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu (skip).
Kowloon C.C.	M. R. Abbas, A. Bakar, A. M. Wahab, A. O. Madar (skip).
Civil Service C.C.	P. E. Knight, J. Cook, C. Strange, F. Jones (skip).
Recreio	H. Major, W. Burling, J. F. Macgowan, S. Deakin (skip).
C.C.C. "A"	J. Gellatley, W. L. Collyer, S. E. Alderman, J. Hollidge (skip).
C.C.C. "B"	A. E. Costes, A. A. Razack, D. Rumjahn, R. F. Luz (skip).
C. S. Summons, A. S. Gomes, J. Cavanagh, U. M. Omar (skip).	
C.C.C. "B"	J. S. Landolt, V. N. Atienza, E. Arculli, R. Basa (skip).
C.C.C. "B"	J. E. Soares, L. C. R. Souza, K. M. Omar, W. Gill (skip).
A. J. Coelho, E. W. Whitteman, M. A. R. Souza, C. S. Rosset (skip).	
J. W. Leonard, H. W. Randall, M. Omar, W. V. Field (skip).	

Police R.C.	J. Orem, C. Downman, W. Greig, W. E. Hollands (skip).
Kowloon C.C.	A. E. Carey, E. H. E. Marks, W. J. Cameron, W. Mair (skip).
Kowloon C.C.	F. E. E. Booker, W. M. Dall, W. Glendinning, J. Shepherd (skip).
Kowloon C.C.	A. E. Silstone, W. Hyde, N. J. Bebbington, R. F. Phillips (skip).
Kowloon C.C.	Geo. Lee, E. G. Craig, F. Goodwin, A. Hyde-Lay (skip).
Kowloon C.C.	H. Gittins, W. Geall, E. C. Fincher, J. Fraser (skip).
Recreio	J. E. Noronha, D. C. Alves, M. P. Remedios, C. G. Silva (skip).
Recreio	A. A. Remedios, E. M. Remedios, F. V. V. Ribeiro, H. A. Alves (skip).
Recreio	L. A. Gutierrez, L. F. Xavier, J. J. Basto, F. X. M. da Silva (skip).
Kowloon Dock	P. B. Parks, J. Provaz, J. Lindsay, V. Ramsey (skip).
Kowloon Dock	W. Pomyth, E. Morrison, M. Ferguson, J. MacKelvie (skip).
Kowloon Dock	A. M. Calman, J. E. Humble, T. Coleman, G. N. Mitchell (skip).
Kowloon Dock	A. Russell, J. Watson, W. McFarlane, L. Guy (skip).
Kowloon Dock	J. G. Meyer, J. Henson, M. Henderson, A. M. Holland (skip).

S. Bright, R. Hall, S. Randle, R. Duncan (skip).	
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## IRON BUX BACK IN COLONY

Fight With L. Edwards Recalled

### SURPRISE FOR HIS WIFE

"Iron" Bux, former light-weight boxing champion of the Orient, returned to the Colony this morning by the s.s. President Jefferson, after an absence of seven years in the Philippines, where he was engaged in giving lessons in the fight game as well as acting as trainer to some of the leading lights.

Bux, who also held the welter-weight title of the Philippines, has long since retired from boxing, but he is still as keen as ever on this form of sport and deplors the lack of enthusiasm here, as he is of the opinion "that some of the local boys can be trained up into good boxers." He recalls his fight with Lew Edwards, holder of the Lonsdale Belt, as the hardest welterweight battle he ever had. On that occasion he broke his wrist in the ninth round and had to retire.

"Nobody knows that I have come back," said Bux to a China Mail representative, "and I am waiting to meet my wife in her office, just to give her a surprise." He concluded that he has had enough "roaming about" and has come back to settle down in Hong Kong for good.

### ENGLISH LADIES' GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMENCES

The English Ladies' Golf Championship commences to-day at Gleneagles, when the holder, Mrs. Canton, as a singles player, Bodiker can go a long way, being a base-line artist to perfection, but he is not a good doubles player—in doubles, attack is the order of the day, no matter how strong or weak the pairs may be. From what I was given to understand, the Fincher brothers, A. E. P. Guest, A. W. Ramsay and S. A. Gray will be seen in the colours of the K.C.C. These six players, having years of League competition as an incentive, should offer strong competition to any Club.



Ralph Metcalfe, above, considered America's leading athlete for the Berlin World Olympiad to be held in August.

## PROSPECTS FOR LEAGUE LAWN TENNIS

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As a group of players, the C. R. C. team have certainly the necessary standard of talent to maintain that "mechanical efficiency" which impresses followers of tennis, and has more than once proved demoralising to opponents.

Teams most likely to offer strong competition to the champions are the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Indian Recreation Club, and, as in the case of the C.R.C., no definite forming of pairs have yet been decided upon at these clubs.

### Not Doubles Player

The K.C.C. have acquired the services of G. Bodiker, who in the past has made a reputation in Canton. As a singles player, Bodiker can go a long way, being a base-line artist to perfection, but he is not a good doubles player—in doubles, attack is the order of the day, no matter how strong or weak the pairs may be. From what I was given to understand, the Fincher brothers, A. E. P. Guest, A. W. Ramsay and S. A. Gray will be seen in the colours of the K.C.C. These six players, having years of League competition as an incentive, should offer strong competition to any Club.

### Hoosen Promoted

The Indian Recreation Club have the Rumjahn cousins, F. D. Pereira, A. R. Minu, O. Hoosen, I. M. A. Razack, A. H. Madar, A. K. Sufiad and S. A. Ismail. Of these players, Hoosen has been definitely promoted to the senior division. His improvement has been amazing. Finalist in the I.R.C. Singles Championship twice, his tennis has more than warranted recognition and his reward for consistency has been the promotion to the "A" grade.

S. A. Rumjahn has given me to understand that A. R. Kitchell is also likely to be promoted to the senior division.

### New Talent

So far, information on the senior division teams is very vague, due no doubt to the fact that most clubs have only just started practising. Discovery of new talent is, of course, most essential to any club, and until a week or 10 days before the opening games of the League, it is most difficult to state what are the possibilities of team formation.

One thing, however, is certain, and that is that the 1936 League Tennis season is going to be an exceptionally keen and interesting one.

### FUSILIERS SHOULD BEAT LYEMUN

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The Gunners are making no changes in their team and, with Haldane and Knight in form, Rowlands should have a busy afternoon.

Taylor, Morton and Lucas are a hard working half-back line, but they will probably find the opposing attack a little too strong. If they can cope with it, then the Gunners have a good chance of at least sharing the points.

The following are the probable teams:

Fusiliers:—Rowlands; Wheeler, Keating; Wanklyn, Talbot; Ellis; Hughes, Harrison, Evans, Dennis and Roberts.  
 Lyemun:—Mackrill; Boyle and Clancy; Taylor, Morton and Lucas; Barford, Haldane, Knight, Cooper and Rivers.

## U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

Two Homers For Foxx And Dickey

CARDINALS WIN AND TIGERS FALTER AGAINST YANKEES

New York, To-day.  
 The following were the results of the League baseball matches played yesterday:

National League			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	2	11	1
Pittsburgh	6	10	3
Brooklyn	7	12	3
Cincinnati	4	7	0
Boston	8	16	1
Moore hit a home run.			
Chicago	9	11	2
Chuck Klein and Demarre each hit home runs. Ten innings were played.			

Philadelphia	2	8	2
St. Louis	3	9	0

American League			
	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	6	14	0
New York	6	9	1
Dickey hit two home runs.			
St. Louis	6	11	1
Boston	9	14	1
Foxx hit two home runs.			

Cleveland	4	9	1
Knickerbocker hit a home run.			
Philadelphia	3	9	0

Chicago	11	12	3
Dykes hit a home run.			
Washington	6	10	3
Kress hit a home run.			

—Reuter.

## GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	R. Young, D. S. Robb.
9.24 "	B. D. Evans, A. Sommerfelt.
9.28 "	H. N. Williamson, J. Angwin.
9.32 "	R. H. MacGregor, G. Marshall.
9.36 "	J. H. McElroy, D. W. MacEwen.
9.40 "	R. A. Rodgers, F. M. Ellis.
9.44 "	G. T. May, F. C. Young.
9.48 "	G. S. Chambers, H. A. Browning.
9.52 "	F. H. King, J. S. Dunnett.
9.56 "	T. R. Rowell, E. des Voerx.
10.00 "	J. A. R. Selby, E. Bathurst.
10.04 "	A. T. Lay, Cdr. C. Wainhope.
10.08 "	L. G. Robertson, T. Addis Martin.

## Entries For Fifth Extra Race Meeting

The following are the entries for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting, to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, May 16:—  
**SHING MUN HANDICAP**—Winner \$550. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "A" Class. Winners of \$5,000 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. SIX FURLONGS.  
 Gladiator, Honeycomb Eve, Oak Bay, Royal, Scot and Soldier of Britain.  
**NANLING HANDICAP**—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Club of this Season, that have not won a race at Race Meetings of this Club. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.  
 Cassius, Gold Eagle, Humber, Merry Jester, Ocean View, Potlatch, Rugby Star, Shamrock, Strathalan, and Supercharge.  
**BRISBANE SPRING HANDICAP**—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Australian Ponies of any Season. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.  
 Able Amazon, A Grand Time, Australian Boy, Double Finesse, Electron, Honey, Lancashire Lad, Perfect Day, and Strathroy.  
**WEST RIVER HANDICAP**—Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Ponies that have won \$500 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN (ABOUT ONE MILE 155 YARDS).  
 Flycatcher, Harvest View, High Speed, King's Bounty, Miracle, Monoplane, New Star, Riddle, Rousseau, Tyne, and What A Chance.  
**PEI-HO HANDICAP**—(First and Second Section)—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China

## "SCHEMLING IS EASY MEAT FOR BROWN BOMBER"

Jack Dempsey Casts His Vote

SAYS JOE LOUIS WILL WIN IN TWO ROUNDS

New York, April 15.

The prediction that Max Schmeling, the German heavyweight, will last "only two rounds" with Joe Louis, the deadly "Brown Bomber" from Detroit, who are scheduled to meet in June in an elimination bout, has been made by Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world.

The majority of ring critics do not concede the German much chance, many saying that they think five rounds will suffice for Louis to complete his evening's work.

Mike Jacobs, who is promoting the contest, and who brought back to boxing the almost forgotten million dollar "gate" last summer when he staged the Louis-Max Baer battle, has awarded the fight to New York City, despite the persistent bidding of Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago.

### Wireless Rights

He has already sold the wireless rights to the fight. The purchasers are the Buick Motor Company, which sponsored the broadcast of last year's Louis-Baer battle, but the price paid has not been revealed.

Mr. Jacobs says, however, that the sum represents a new high record for boxing broadcasts. The Louis-Baer rights were sold for approximately \$25,000.

Louis will start preliminary training for the bout late this month.

### Late Training

The "Brown Bomber" has taken a place at Lafayetteville, New York, 16 miles from President Roosevelt's residence which overlooks the Hudson, and late in April will commence three weeks work to toughen him up.

The camp he has chosen consists of a log cabin and surrounding grounds. There Louis will confine his activities to wood-chopping, hill-climbing and fishing. He will do no boxing whatsoever during the three weeks.

Buddy Baer, younger brother of Max Baer, whom the former champion once termed "better than I am," took a bad beating to-night from Andre Lenglet, French heavyweight, who has yet to lose a decision.

Lenglet "spotted" Baer 29 lb. but showed no effect of the handicap. He carried the fight to the giant Californian throughout and administered plenty of punishment. The judges awarded him the decision by a wide margin. The Frenchman weighed in at 216 lb. and the American at 245. The fight lasted only six rounds.

Lenglet, since 1932, has participated in 29 bouts, all of them in Europe with the exception of tonight's encounter, winning 27 and drawing two. Eighteen of his victories have been via the knockout route.—(United Press.)

The absence of Fowler on the right-wing will, however, be greatly felt—though a winger, he has scored many goals for his side. Skinner, who will deputise, is essentially a half-back and is too slow on the wing.

Fleming's absence has made it necessary for Drown to take his place in the forward-line, where he will partner Bickford.

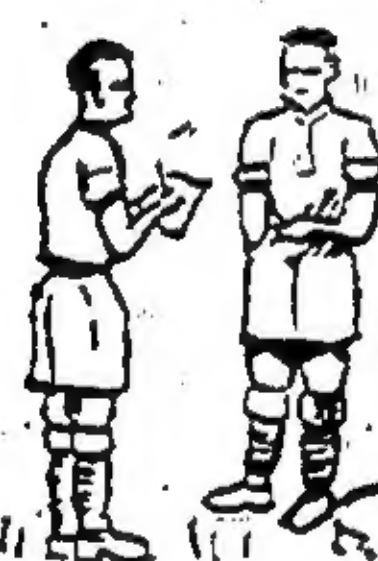
On Sunday the Club will complete their fixtures when they meet the East Lancs. and, provided no injuries are sustained to-morrow, the Club will field the same team. The following are the probable teams:

Club:—Rodger, Nicholls and S. Strange; Robertson, Porrow and E. Strange; Skinner, Pearce, Elliot, Drown and Bickford.

Navy:—Wratton, Nicholson and Ellis; Clarkson, Wride and Tuffnell; Baxter, McLeod, Spencer, Gould and Wearmouth.

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Hong Kong, Friday, May 8, 1936.

### Canton-Hong Kong Trade

At the annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce on Monday last, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, spoke of an interchange of visits between Canton and of the Colony, visits which he hoped would be repeated from time to time, in order that the business men of the two cities, whose interests are so closely associated, may maintain close touch.

That their interests are in reality closely associated should be patent to all. South China, being the "hinterland," as regards business, of Hong Kong, which depends largely for its living on its entrepot trade; and, without flourishing business conditions in the "hinterland," the trade of the Colony must languish. But unless the Government at Canton is in sympathy with the merchants and works with and for them, flourishing trade conditions are hard to attain.

Singapore, like Hong Kong, depends upon its entrepot trade; but it has the great advantage of possessing a "hinterland" in the Malay States, that is under British protection and cannot hamper trade with hostile tariffs. These conditions do not obtain in Hong Kong. It has long been the policy of the Cantonese Government to discourage the import of foreign goods as far as possible, by the imposition of crushing duties, and to establish factories of every kind to supply the local demand, with home-made wares—a legitimate enough ambition, but one that needs caution in the pursuing. One must learn to walk before one can run. Unfortunately, too, there have been at times in the Government men whose avowed aim it has been to destroy the trade of Hong Kong and to make Canton itself the port of entry for the ocean-borne commerce of South China. Hence the grandiose schemes for the development of Whampoa as a port and the deepening of the channel of the Pearl River sufficiently to allow ocean-going steamers to anchor off the Canton Bund. Recently they have been forced to see that all the crushing duties on foreign imports and on the exports of their own merchants could never produce the money necessary for the carrying out of their dreams.

But the Canton Government apparently does not realise that China is not yet in a position to do without foreign goods. The day may come, and doubtless will, when China will be self-supporting; but it is not yet. All these premature attempts to crush the importation of foreign goods can only result in failure and loss, to say nothing of other evils which they produce, such as smuggling, which is being carried on to-day on an unprecedented scale.

The Hon. Mr. Bell also announced, in his address to the Chamber of Commerce, that the Canton-Hankow Railway will really be completed this year. Certain interests in Canton have for years fought strenuously against the completion of the six miles of line which would link it up with the Canton-Kowloon Railway and permit of through traffic to the Colony. Does this consent to the bridging of the gap imply a change of outlook on the part of the Canton Government? And is it an earnest of other

### WEDDING AT REGISTRY TSOI — LEE

A wedding of considerable interest to the local Chinese community took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, this morning when Miss Nellie Lee, daughter of the late Mr. Lee Kang-tung, and Mrs. Lee of No. 22, Fung Fai Terrace, Happy Valley, became the bride of Mr. Tsoi Mang-suen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tsoi Samsan of Swatow.

Mr. W. J. Lockhart-Smith officiated and Messrs. D. Jackman and W. Shea were the witnesses.

A reception will be held in the Gloucester Hotel this afternoon, and this will be followed by a dinner to-night at the Nam Ling Restaurant, West Point.

The honeymoon will be spent at Repulse Bay.

### LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Mr. Bruce K. Carpenter, who is connected with the Dollar Steamship Line, returned to Hong Kong this morning by the s.s. President Coolidge.

Mrs. Edward J. Barber, wife of the President of the Barber Steamship Lines, accompanied by Miss Billie Barber, is a passenger on the s.s. President Coolidge. They are on a pleasure trip.

Mr. A. Monto, Superintendent of Schools in Manila, accompanied by his wife and sons, is a through passenger on the s.s. President Coolidge bound for Manila.

Mr. A. R. Shannon, one of Chicago's most prominent attorneys, is a passenger on the s.s. President Monroe. He is on a pleasure trip round the world.

Touring the world for three years, Mr. A. de los Reyes, a prominent merchant of the Philippine Islands, is returning to Manila by the s.s. President Monroe, which is now in port.

There will be no Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow, but the usual Tea Dance will be held on Sunday at 5 p.m.

On Sunday next the Royal Artillery Sergeants' Mess at Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, will hold a whist drive and tombola, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Pun Chung, 39, unemployed, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday with possession of 549 counterfeit Hong Kong five-cent pieces at the Ping On wharf. On the application of Detective Sergeant J. Riddell, the defendant was remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries.

A very successful whist drive was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Wednesday when a large gathering assembled under the direction of Messrs. C. J. Tachi, T. Carr and J. S. Smith. The evening was voted one of the most enjoyable this season and it is hoped to make this form of entertainment of regular feature of the Club's social programme.

The s.s. Talma is due here from Singapore next Tuesday morning.

The m.v. Silverleaf, from New York, sailed from Los Angeles on April 11 and is expected here on or about May 16.

The gala premiere of Charlie Chaplin's "Modern Times" at the King's Theatre last night drew a capacity house and proved to be a great success. It was preceded by an extremely entertaining Walt Disney coloured cartoon entitled "Mickey's Garden" and this had the effect of whetting the audience's appetite for the fare that was to follow.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia is expected here from Manila next Wednesday morning and will berth at the Kowloon Wharf. She will leave for Victoria and Vancouver, via ports, at 6 a.m. on Friday next.

reforms, for the benefit of trade, to follow? It is, at any rate, an excellent beginning.

### Here There and Everywhere

#### KING OVER THE WATER

There are some good lines in the Jacobite national anthem inscribed on an "Amen" glass which is to be sold shortly at Christie's. For instance:

God bless his subjects all  
And save both great and small  
In every station . . .  
And I like the vigour of another  
verse which prays for the Church to be saved

Against all heresie  
And Whigs Hypocrisie.  
The wonder is how such a fragile thing could have survived, especially as Jacobites were usually credited with being hard drinkers. Later an inscription was added to the Old Pretender's younger son, "To his Royal Highness Prince Henry Duke of Albany and York."

#### SIR WILLIAM JOWITT ABROAD

Like Herr Hitler, Sir William Jowitt is apt to suffer from throat strain. This has more than once in the past seriously affected his health. In the General Election last November he had a temporary breakdown.

He has lately again been in his doctor's hands. This is the reason, it is believed, why he anticipated the Easter holidays by a fortnight.

Sir William is now recuperating abroad.

#### Your Daily Smile!

It is expected that this year's Nobel Peace Prize will be awarded to that club which has ruled that a husband and wife must not be bridge partners.

In the old days, we are reminded, a person who bought stolen goods was sentenced to capital punishment. This was known as hanging up the receiver.

Owing to the lack of accommodation, two girl hikers were allowed to sleep on the billiard table of a Cheshire village inn. One of them quite rightly described herself as a miss in baulk.

Real Scot  
Mary: "Is Sandy generous?"  
Maggie: "When it comes to throwing money about, he's president of the Anti-Litter Society."

Costly Experiment  
"You sent for your daughter to come home again?"  
"Yes; we found it too expensive to have her living in the city supporting herself."

## THE INDEPENDENCE OF AUSTRIA CHANCES OF COUP BY GERMANY

### MAY BE FORESTALLED BY OTHER INTERESTED POWERS

(By Duncan Sandys, M.P.)

EARLY this morning detachments of German troops crossed the Austrian border. . . . No resistance was offered. . . . The German soldiers were greeted by cheering crowds.

This is what we shall read in our evening papers on our way back from work one day next year unless the statesmen of Europe can learn to look ahead. Many of us for some time past urged that the demilitarisation of the Rhineland could not be indefinitely maintained, and that the time had come to remove the remaining restrictions upon German sovereignty. It was invariably argued in reply that this was a trump card which must be reserved as a bargaining counter to obtain some important concessions in the future.

**Afraid To Lead Trumps**  
Our present embarrassments are due to our having committed the old mistake of being afraid to lead trumps.

The Rhineland question is but the centre link in an unbreakable chain of German problems created by the Treaty of Versailles. The present crisis, like its predecessors—Reparations and German Rearmament—has overtaken the Governments of the ex-Allied Powers before they had made up their minds how to deal with it. Events have forced their hands, and though the settlement which is being wrung from them is essentially a wise and a realistic one, the manner of its achievement can hardly be calculated to enhance the authority of International Law.

We are faced with the dual problem of showing the world that the Law of Nations cannot be broken with impunity and at the same time of not precipitating a war for the sake of reimposing treaty restrictions which we recognise to have been ripe for revision. If we confine ourselves to the narrow scope of the present crisis,

it is clear that no wholly satisfactory solution is possible. What is needed is a comprehensive European settlement to remove the outstanding causes of future friction.

**Other Difficulties**  
A host of further difficulties are already looming up on the horizon. Austria, Memel, Danzig, the Corridor and the Colonies—each presents its special problem. The colonial question, for obvious geographical reasons, cannot force itself upon us overnight. On the other hand, the solution of these other problems cannot safely be delayed. If we persist in ignoring them they will, one by one, begin with Austria, solve themselves in the way we least desire.

Ever since the war Austria has been wrestling vainly with a multitude of economic difficulties resulting from the dismemberment of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire. The conglomeration of races and territories under the Habsburg rule was not a mere dynastic coincidence. It was the political expression of a natural economic entity founded upon the community of complementary interests of the peoples of the Danube basin.

**Incapable**  
With its tiny population of six millions, nearly two millions of which are concentrated in the great metropolis of Vienna, cut off by artificial barriers both from the industrial centres of Czechoslovakia and from the rich plains of Hungary, the little State which to-day carries on the name of Austria has been left quite incapable of independent economic life.

In 1931, to find a way out of her difficulties, Austria concluded a Customs Union with Germany. Her action, however, was declared illegal by a majority vote of the Hague Court.

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### "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWENTY FOUR QUART BOTTLES AND FOUR AND TWENTY FOUR?**  
Answer: Monday

**THE G-MEN OF BASEBALL**  
GREENBERG—RF  
GALEHOUSE—SS  
GEHRINGER—2B  
GOSLIN—CF  
GALAN—LF  
GEHRIG—1B  
GLENN—3B  
GRUBBS—C  
GOMEZ—P  
GROVE—P

**APPLES**  
HALF GREEN AND SOOK  
HALF YELLOW AND SWEET  
Grown by  
JOSEPH C. STOWELL  
MISHAWAKA, IND.

**CONSTANCE FREE**  
of Chicago  
AGE 10  
CAN WALK  
408 FEET  
ON HER HANDS

**THE KUMBUM TREE**  
TIBET  
TREE OF 10,000 IMAGES  
EACH LEAF BEARS THE BUDDHIST'S PRAYER—  
"Om Man Padme Hum"  
20,000 MORE LIVES OFFERING LEFT AT THE TREE BY PILGRIMS





THE GIMME GIRLS HAVE LANDED AND HAVE THE MARINES WELL IN HAND!  
Joan Blondell • Glenda Farrell  
**MISS PACIFIC FLEET**  
Hugh Herbert • Allen Jenkins

## SHORTS SHOTS

It is delightful news to the millions of admirers of the world's singing sweethearts, Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, that their next picture will be Vincent Youmans' musical romance from Broadway, "Great Day." Later on M.G.M. hope to negotiate with Paramount for the rights of Victor Herbert's operettas.

Isabel Jewell has been signed by Columbia to appear with Ronald Colman in "The Last Horizon," which Frank Capra will direct.

Gary Cooper is considering signing a contract with Sam Goldwyn, the producer who gave him his first real chance in Hollywood.

It is most likely that Charles Laughton will be opposite Carole Lombard in the Paramount "Poor Sap," directed by Wesley Ruggles.

After Jackie Coogan and his fiancée Betty Grable finish their American vaudeville tour, they will likely appear in a British film.

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## CHAPLIN'S LATEST EFFORT, "MODERN TIMES"

ELISSA LANDI HEADS FINE CAST IN "WITHOUT REGRET"

KATHARINE HEPBURN, CARY GRANT AND BRIAN AHEARNE IN AMUSING COMEDY

By Diane

It seems to be the accepted fact that Charles Chaplin cannot do wrong—but perhaps that is the penalty one pays for fame and riches such as his. He delights in expending millions of dollars in the making of his films, and thinks nothing of devoting a couple of years—behind barred gates—to the production of each. It is quite natural that film-goers should expect the best in pictures; but to be very frank, I will candidly admit this film—his latest, "Modern Times"—to be definitely a big disappointment.

Like the great Garbo, Mr. Chaplin believes in secrecy, but this is his form of advertising his wares. I am at a loss to know why there was so much hidden during the making of this particular film, as most of the cars have been used by Mr. Chaplin in his pictures for the last 20 years. You will find very little that is new. The photography is below standard, the settings—with the exception of machinery—palpably studio-made, of the type used in the early days of films.

I went to see this comedy to laugh—to derive real entertainment. I found neither. Is Chaplin dated? Is it that his oft-repeated pantomime bores me? He still depends upon the gliding sliding walk, the simpering girlish attitudes, the Spring-like dance, to elicit laughs. It is true that Chaplin has immortalised the baggy trousers, the derby, the cane, the big boots and the absurd little moustache; but—and here is a big "but"—he refuses to march with the times. He will not talk. It was the luckiest thing for him that he produced "City Lights" in 1931, before sound was perfected and when talkies were a novelty. In 1936 I am unable to accept a characterisation which depends upon exaggerated pantomime and I find myself out of tune with the old-fashioned slapstick and obsolete cinematic devices like sub-titles.

I think he could have produced a much funnier and much better picture than this scrappy, shapeless, draggy one. The story is disconnected and is told in a method that went out when talkies came in. It is slow-moving and there is far too much repetition of certain sequences. It is a typical Chaplin comedy, with the pathetic little hero we have known—and most of us loved—for 20 years. Charlie as factory hand, ship-builder, gaol-bird, night watchman, waiter and finally a singer; but the much-heralded song in half a dozen languages is a lot of gibberish, and depends upon exaggerated pantomime for success. This was his only concession to talking, but he allows some of the cast to do so, through the gramophone, radio and television sets.

Strange as it may seem I could not laugh at the tragic little factory hand tightening up bolts on a moving belt in a giant modern factory. I could not laugh at men caught in the cogs of wheels, I am past smiling at cunard pies ornamenting faces. There is a scrappiness and lack of unity about this picture that one has not hitherto associated with a Chaplin release.

I recall with joy "Shoulder Arms," "A Dog's Life," "The Kid," "The Pilgrim," "The Gold Rush," "The Circus"—just to mention a few, when Chaplin made himself an institution and the richest man in films. "City Lights" gave us a pathetic story and also allowed a few members of the cast, including Virginia Cherrill, to give unforgettable performances. Now part of the lime-light is shared by Miss Paulette Goddard, but she has little to do. She has no chance to show off her good looks, but merely romps through as the personification of youth and vitality. Men who were with Chaplin in the old Keystone days appear in "Modern Times," but one can hardly say any of them count for much.

This film is sadly disappointing.

office the world over. People of all nations will crowd to see it once—provided his myriads of admirers still favour his now-dated characterisation. Personally I think if you want to laugh you will have to depend upon the Marx Brothers, Harold Lloyd, Laurel and Hardy, Wheeler and Woolsey and Joe E. Brown for it. Why? because they have moved with "modern times." What the reaction upon millions of cinema-goers may be remains to be seen. The high-brow critic will tell you that Chaplin's film expresses a revolt against Capitalism, a revolt against mechanism. It matters not to me what the high-brow critic says. I go to a film for entertainment. The art of pantomime went out as far as I am concerned when sound revolutionised the screen. A little boy's remark at the opening of this particular film in Hollywood rather aptly sums up how I feel. "I've had a heck of a time. Chaplin can't talk, and I can't read." (King's).

### " Sylvia Scarlett "

This is good entertainment and gives Katharine Hepburn, Brian Ahearne and Cary Grant something that is merry and different from anything else they have played on the screen. Most people think Cary Grant gives the best performance of his career.



Margaret Lindsay has the leading feminine role in Warner Bros. "Personal Maid's Secret," which is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.

as the Cockney crook. Miss Hepburn appears most of the time with a boy's cropped head, but at the finish is enabled to be the graceful Kate so loved by film-goers the world over.

She assumes male attire to help her father (Edmund Gwenn) to get from France to England. On the trip they meet a young crook (Cary Grant) and enter into partnership. The father marries an honest servant girl (Dennie Moore) and the four "go straight," touring the countryside as a barn-storming theatrical troupe. Romance is found when they meet artist Brian Ahearne and his fiancée (Princess Natalie Paley); but it is a shame to spoil your pleasure by telling too much. Go and see this amusing film; even if you think the Cosmo Hamilton story improbable you will have your enjoyment in watching a really excellent cast. (Alhambra).

### "The Garden Murder Case"

This is M.G.M.'s latest of the "Philo Vance" series, starring Edmund Lowe and Virginia Bruce, with able assistance from Benita Hume, Douglas Walton, Nat Pendleton, H. B. Warner, Grant Mitchell, Jessie Ralph, Etienne Girardot and others.

Most of us are well acquainted with this famous detective who rivals Sherlock Holmes in literary history, and the van Dine novels are among the best sellers, both for a reading public and film-goers. This particular story con-

cerns three murders, and a black cat holds the key to the mystery. Hero detective is subjected to great peril in unravelling the mysteries, but for the first time in his life he also falls in love—a greater peril, he considers, than his hair-breadth escapes from death. No more now, but this promises to be among the most exciting of the series, and gives the cast every chance to make good. (King's).

It is a pity to tell more of the dramatic and thrilling story, but it gives excellent scope for first-rate acting from an exceptionally well-chosen cast. Kent Taylor and Paul Cavanagh specially stand out, but Miss Landi and Miss Drake, who are both ornamental as well as talented, contribute their share in making this film one to recommend, even though it only be another of those triangle situations. Harold Young, a noted English director, who was assigned to Leslie Howard in "The Scarlet Pimpernel" does his first Hollywood release. (Queen's).

"Personal Maid's Secret" Margaret Lindsay is given a splendid opportunity to shine in a film that was adapted from a successful story that ran in the Saturday Evening Post. It also enables Ruth Donnelly—an actress of the Warner Stock company who merits bigger and better roles—to justify the faith Warner Bros. have in her, by turning in a fine performance in this comedy drama.

Lovely Anita Louise, has been adopted by well-to-do people, but a dramatic situation arises when she discovers that the "maid" (Miss Donnelly) is her real mother. This is our first chance of seeing a likeable young juvenile, Warren Hull (seen in "Shorts"), with singer Sylvia Froese, but it is a pity he is not given a chance to sing. From fame on stage and radio this young man has come to claim film success.

Others who help in the interestingly-told story are Arthur Treacher, Frank Albertson, Henry O'Neil and Little Ronnie Crosby. This is really Miss Donnelly's picture and she makes the most of her chances. (Queen's).

### "Tough Guy"

Here is a sentimental "dog story" with all the old reliable trimmings and some new ones. The children—and most adults—will derive a thrill out of the lonely little boy's adventures when he and his dog hike their way right into the lives of the gangsters.

Rin Tin Tin Jr. undeniably inherits his late father's great talent, and performs some really remarkable stunts. Jackie Cooper could not be anything but excellent, while Joseph Calleia gives a thoroughly human and intriguing performance as the gangster whose one weak point is his love for the boy and the dog. Chester Franklin directed all the stories acted by the first Rin Tin Tin, so the dog shows almost human intelligence under his guidance.

Others who help considerably are Jean Hersholt, Mischa Auer, Harvey Stephens, Robert Warwick and Edward Pawley. Not to be missed if you are an animal lover, but anyhow this is a picture that ensures real enjoyment. (Alhambra).

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ALSO MICKEY MOUSE in "MICKEY'S GARDEN" Latest Walt Disney's Cartoon in Beautiful Technicolour.

TO-DAY AT THE KING'S

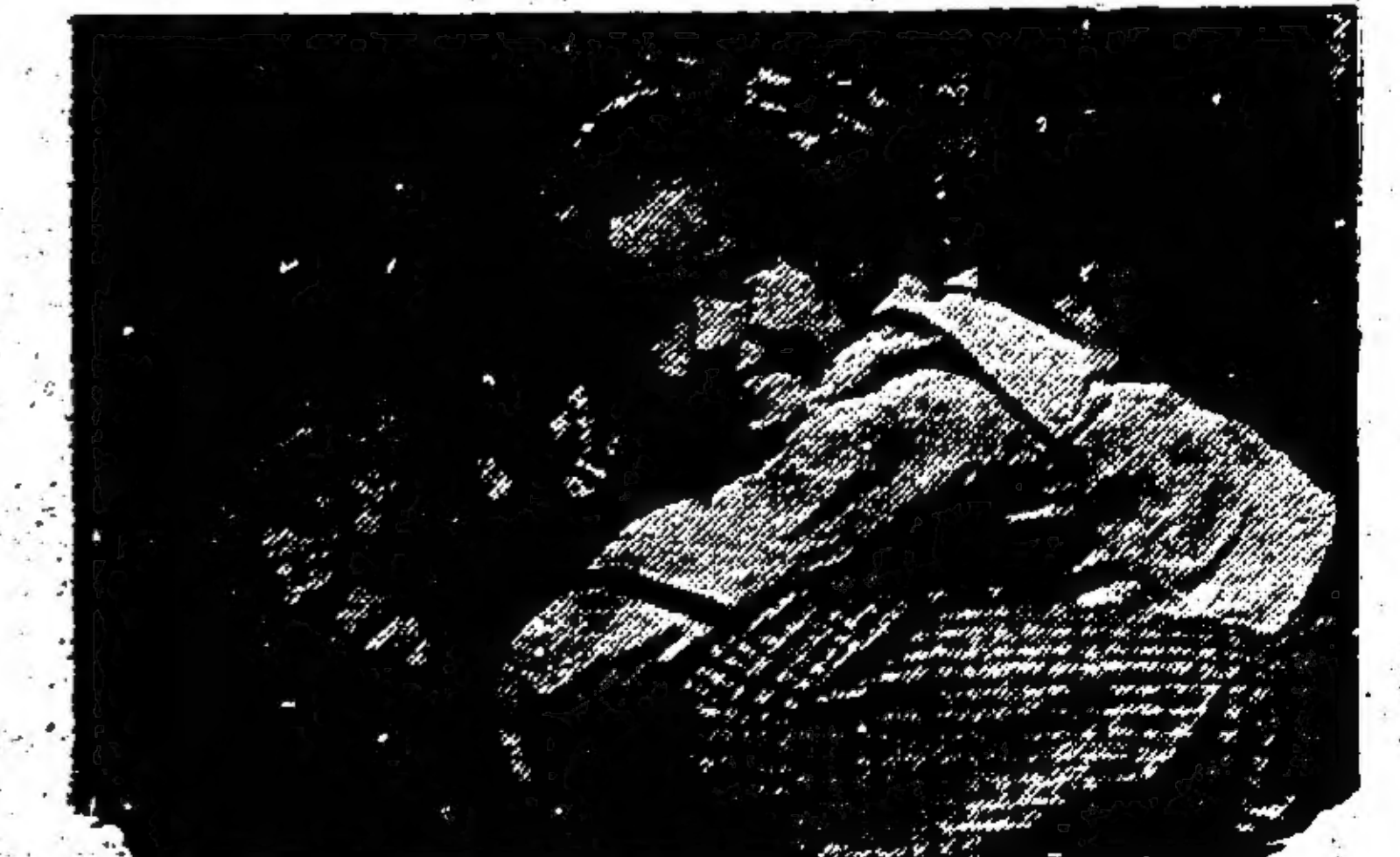
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Paulette Goddard, Charlie Chaplin's lovely new leading lady, with the comedian in a scene from "Modern Times," his newest film for release through United Artists, which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.



Glenda Farrell and Hugh Herbert play the leading parts in the Warner Bros. production, "Miss Pacific Fleet," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.



Gary Kibbee and Shirley Temple are together in "Captain January," which will be shown at the King's and Alhambra Theatres soon.







## P. I. SUGAR MAGNATE IN COLONY

Enjoyable Holiday In Japan

### SUGAR EXPORT ANXIETIES IN ISLANDS

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony this morning from the North was Mr. Rafael Alunan, President of the Philippine Sugar Association and former Secretary of the Philippine Treasury, who, together with his wife and six children, will spend a fortnight's holiday here before returning to the Islands.

Interviewed, Mr. Alunan said that he and his family had spent their first long holiday in Japan, although they had frequently passed through on the way to America.

The Japanese were very cordial to him and his family and although several attempts were made to obtain his views on the Japanese-Philippine situation, he always evaded any such interviews as he had left politics behind and was then a business man on holiday. He stated that while he was in Japan and when conversing with several prominent Japanese business magnates, he never had occasion to notice any unfriendliness which might have been caused by recent events in the Islands.

Mr. Alunan said that the newly formed Senate of the Philippine Islands were working shoulder to shoulder and were very optimistic regarding the success of the new Commonwealth, adding that the Filipinos were very lucky to have a man like the Manuel Quezon at the helm.

Mr. Alunan said that his present worry, if he could term it a worry, was their sugar export to America. At present they were selling all their sugar to the United States, but when their experimental Commonwealth had succeeded, as they all hope it will, there would probably be tariff walls and such like obstacles to trade. He said he felt sure that the President of the United States would call a conference between the responsible parties next autumn.

Mr. Alunan politely declined to discuss the question of a possible protectorate of the Philippine Islands under the United States Government, and stated that any of his ideas or statements might be misconstrued by persons in the Islands and outside, because of his close relationship with the President of the Islands.

## THREE YEARS IN ARCTIC

Cambridge Graduates Expedition

A group of Cambridge graduates recently sailed from Southampton on an expedition to the Canadian Arctic. They will be away three and a half years. In the course of which they will have communication with the outside world only two or three times.

The chief object of the expedition is to elucidate the origin of the Eskimo by excavating ancient camp sites, which Mr. Thomas Manning, the leader, has located recently. They will also explore the unknown west coast of Baffin Island, the longest piece of uncharted coast line in the Northern Hemisphere.

3,500 Miles In Open Boat  
The members of the expedition are Mr. G. W. Rowley, Mr. R. J. O. Bray, Mr. Baird and Mr. Pilkington. They will travel at least 3,500 miles in an open 30ft whale boat, the only type of craft which can be used in these shallow and often ice-bound waters.

Dog teams will be used for the inland travel over some 8,000 to 12,000 miles, most of which will be covered in winter, as in the warmer months vast areas become mere marshes and mudfields.

Learning Use Of Dog Whip  
A member of the expedition said that most of the part would have to spend this summer learning to wield the long whips with which the dog-teams are driven.

"These animals," he added, "will be our only help. We have discarded the usual practice of taking Eskimo guides and porters. We will build our own igloos (snow huts). Each summer food will be delivered at four points by the Hudson's Bay Company's

## CAR DRIVER IN TROUBLE

Sequel To Garden Road Accident

Stanley Lee, of "On Low," Conduit Road, driver of private car No. 2975, was this morning summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy with driving his car without due care and caution on April 15 near Garden Road.

Mr. P. Hodgson, for the defendant, said that a civil case was pending between his client and another party involved in the accident. Defendant was alleged to have run into another car, but only if his driving was a danger to the public should the case be taken up by the Police.

Inspector Alexander said that Inspector Logan was at the bottom of Garden Road that day and saw a taxi forced to draw up as the signal was against him. Defendant's car, which was some distance behind, then came up and hit the taxi twice.

Mr. Hodgson contended that the taxi had stopped suddenly and that his client could not pull up quickly enough.

The summons was adjourned for a week.

## DIRECTOR SHOT IN HOTEL

Man Who Broke A German Attack

NOTE LEFT FOR WIFE

"If anything happens to me it is not your fault—just stress of business, more than I can stand."

This note, written to his wife by Mr. James Walter Melhuish, M.C., of Kidderminster, was read by Mr. Ingleby Oddie at a Paddington inquest last month. Mr. Melhuish was found shot in an hotel in the West End of London.

A verdict of suicide while of un-sound mind was recorded. Mr. Alexis Jacob, of High-bury Hill, N., a co-director with Mr. Melhuish in F. R. Simpson and Co. (Steel Works), of Old-bury, Birmingham, stated that Mr. Melhuish was in receipt of a salary of £1,200 a year.

Under Pressure  
Coroner: Had he been over-worked lately?—He had been rather under pressure.

Mr. Jacob said that when he left Birmingham to attend a board meeting in London, Mr. Melhuish complained of feeling queer in his head; he "kind of lost himself."

Mr. Jacob added that Mr. Melhuish joined the Worcestershire Regiment early in the war, and on one occasion in France he was instrumental with his company in breaking up a German attack. He was in the battle of the Somme.

He lay between life and death for weeks, and was subsequently deaf in one ear. He was for a time an observer in the R.F.C., and left with the rank of captain.

No Trouble  
He was in no trouble, financial or otherwise, and his domestic life was very happy, said Mr. Jacob. "He was a splendid, honourable, upright man."

Dr. Fairlie, police surgeon, stated that Mr. Melhuish had middle-car disease—which would cause headaches in close proximity to where he was wounded during the war.

He shot himself in the head with an automatic pistol.

Recording his verdict, Mr. Oddie said that the man's mental distress might have been in some way the result of the old war wound.

## LOCAL BROADCASTING

The actual hours of transmission from ZEW during April totalled 265.75 of which 174 were devoted to European programmes and 91.75 to Chinese programmes, the respective percentages for the month being 65.48 and 34.52. In addition 13 European and Chinese programmes were broadcast by ZEK. Altogether 323 new licences were issued during the month and 47 licences were renewed.

ships. Otherwise we will depend entirely on the seals and will cease we will shoot."

## ALLEGED THEFT OF CHEMICALS

TWO ACCUSED MEN REMANDED

BAIL OF \$500 EACH

Tam Fook, a storekeeper, and Lee Hau, an accountant, both employed at Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Limited's Godown at Great George Street, again appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy, charged in connection with the theft of 50 bags of sulphate of ammonia on May 2.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the complainant firm, while Mr. F. E. Nash appeared for the first defendant and Mr. J. T. Prior for the second defendant.

The case was formally remanded for a week, bail being allowed the defendants at \$500 each.

After the case Mr. H. J. Armstrong asked His Worship to give some indication of the time solicitors should attend the Court in the mornings. Mr. Nash, he said, had been in Court before 10 o'clock, while His Worship was busy in Chambers with the Juvenile Court.

Mr. W. Schofield said that he had been sitting in the Juvenile Court for nearly 18 months and rarely came to the big Court till 10.30, and sometimes later.

He agreed with Mr. Armstrong that solicitors who came up about 11 o'clock would be in time.

This morning Mr. W. Schofield sat in the big Court until about 10.45.

## RADIO HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

WALK-OVER FROM C.B.A.

Thanks to a walk-over conceded to them by the C.B.A., the winners of the "B" Division of the Manak Hockey Tournament, the Radio Sports Club are undisputed champions of the 1935-6 competition.

The China Mail was told by a member of the C.B.A. team that they did not think it was right to expect a Club to turn out for hockey in the summer, and it was because of this that the C.B.A. are unable to field a team, thus forcing them to concede the points in the play-off for the title.

Only one game now remains to be played, and that is the Champions v Rest fixture. The date for this game will be announced in due course.

## NEW £100,000 BRIDGE

Improving London Dock Approaches

ROAD TRAFFIC DELAY TO BE AVOIDED

A further step is to be made in the scheme for improving the approaches to London Docks. The Ministry of Transport has made a grant from the Road Fund towards the cost of a new bridge over the entrance to Millwall Dock, in West Ferry-road, Poplar.

The work, which is to be carried out by the London County Council, will cost £102,500.

West Ferry-road is at present carried over the dock entrance by a swing bridge, the normal load on which is restricted to 18 tons.

This bridge spans the entrance lock. When vessels are passing through it has to be kept open, causing considerable delay to road traffic.

## Bascule Type

The new structure, which will be of the bascule type, will accommodate a 25ft carriageway and two footpaths. This will remove the loading restriction, which has long hampered the heavy industries of the Millwall district.

To reduce the time during which the bridge will have to be opened for shipping, a site has been chosen on the east side of the existing bridge clear of the entrance lock.

The selection of this site will necessitate the construction of curved approaches, but these will have a width of 50ft to allow long loads to pass in safety.

Today's Complete Short Story

## Over And Done With

By Marjorie Warby

"I'm awfully sorry, Charles, but I can't marry you," said Jill, looking nervously into the handsome, unimaginative face of the man sitting opposite.

"What on earth do you mean?" exploded Charles.

"I can't marry you after all I'm so sorry." Tentatively she held out her platinum ring with the one magnificent diamond.

Charles ignored it. "What's wrong?"

"Nothing."

"What have I done?" persisted Charles, flushed and angry. "Hang it, Jill—this is rather a facer!"

"I know, I'm frightfully sorry. I feel terribly mean. It isn't anything you've looked, or done, or said, or—anything. Please don't mind about it too much."

"But I do mind," retorted the man. "I mind very much indeed. Nice fool I shall look! Just when I was going to sign the contract for buying the house."

"I know. That's what made me screw up my courage to break it off."

"But what have I done?"

"Oh, Charles, I keep telling you it isn't anything you've done! It's just me. My feeling have changed."

"You were keen enough six months ago."

Jill made a little helpless gesture with her hands.

"I can't help it. I'm sorry."

"Sorry! Is there anyone else?"

"No—oh, no!"

"But there soon will be," observed Charles gloomily. "I'll be the third chap you've jilted in as many years. You're evidently making a hobby of it."

## £402,000,000 IN SAVINGS

Big Increase In Post Office Banking

THRIFTY BRITONS

The balance due to 10,000,000 depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank is approximately £402,000,000, according to a statement issued last month.

In addition, £169,000,000 of Government stock is held through the bank by depositors and others.

Deposits in January and February showed increases of about 500,000 in numbers and £2,500,000 in amount, compared with those months last year.

Average Of £4/10s.

The average deposit to date this year is £4 9s. 8d., compared with £4 11s. 6d. for the whole of 1935 and £4 7s. 9d. for 1934.

Stamp savings books for saving by 6d. stamps were responsible for £540,000 in deposits or savings certificate purchases last year, compared with £245,000 in 1934.

Sales of home safes, including the special Jubilee safe, reached the record total of 440,000 last year, over £1,000,000 being deposited in them.

## 5 NEW PLANES EVERY DAY

Three For Royal Air Force

PRODUCTION SPEEDED UP

During the next 12 months the British aircraft industry will be producing, on an average, five new aeroplanes every working day.

Of these, at least three will be Royal Air Force machines, and two commercial or civil. These are minimum estimates, and will probably be exceeded.

The number of engines will be much greater, for many of the machines have two or more engines. The figures given do not include the "Flying Flea," or "aerial scooter" class, many of which are being made privately. During the summer, certain new high-performance R.A.F. types, now undergoing tests, will be in

Jill's small face flushed. "Please don't think too badly of me, Charles dear. Honestly, I'm not a heartless flirt—"

"Pretty good imitation of one," growled Charles. "I don't say you weren't justified in throwing over that wild fool, Bill Lorimer—"

caught him at a restaurant with a lovely lady, didn't you, when he'd told you he'd be working late? Well, you'd some reason for chucking that chap."

"We'll leave Bill Lorimer out of it, if you don't mind."

"But Arthur Stobart—you'd nothing against him, so far as I've heard. And you've nothing against me, therefore I'm just not going to listen to this nonsense."

## TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Out Of The Depths," by Gloria M. Sims.

A little natural windiness because the wedding day's drawing near. That's all that's wrong with you, my dear. Get your hat and we'll breeze along to the house agent's together."

Jill stood her ground.

"Charles, I'm serious about this. I'm not going to marry you."

Charles blustered. Said he refused to release her. He was determined to sign the contract for the house.

"I won't be thrown over. Understand that? You can't play fast and loose with me!"

"Are you mad? Do you want a house on your hands when you aren't going to be married?"

"But what have I done?" demanded Charles for the third time.

Jill gritted her teeth and clenched her hands. Said in a low, sibilant tone:

"Charles, if you ask me that again I shall scream. I'm not enjoying this interview any more than you. Can't you understand—and go?"

"I refuse to leave this house until I am given a more adequate reason for your unwarrantable behaviour."

Jill sighed.

"I wanted to spare your feelings, but if you must have it—you bore me to distraction."

He stiffened. Jill's words were a knock-out blow to his vanity, which was considerable.

Jill—to say that to him! Jill, who wasn't even pretty when one came to consider her dispassionately, apart from that queer charm of hers. Jill, who, when all was said and done, was only the daughter of a retired dairyman, in spite of her streamlining, her delicate hands and feet.

Charles Henderson-Bagshot was one of the most eligible bachelors in the county town of Upweald. Good-looking, well-to-do, and—so Charles had always believed—excellent company. For this chit of a girl, socially a nobody, to dare to say that he bored her to distraction! Charles' love for her died on the spot.

He picked up the ring which had lain on the table between them. She needn't think he would tell her to keep it, as that fool Lorimer had done. Not an expensive ring like that—why it was insured for fifty pounds. He pocketed the jewel and stood up.

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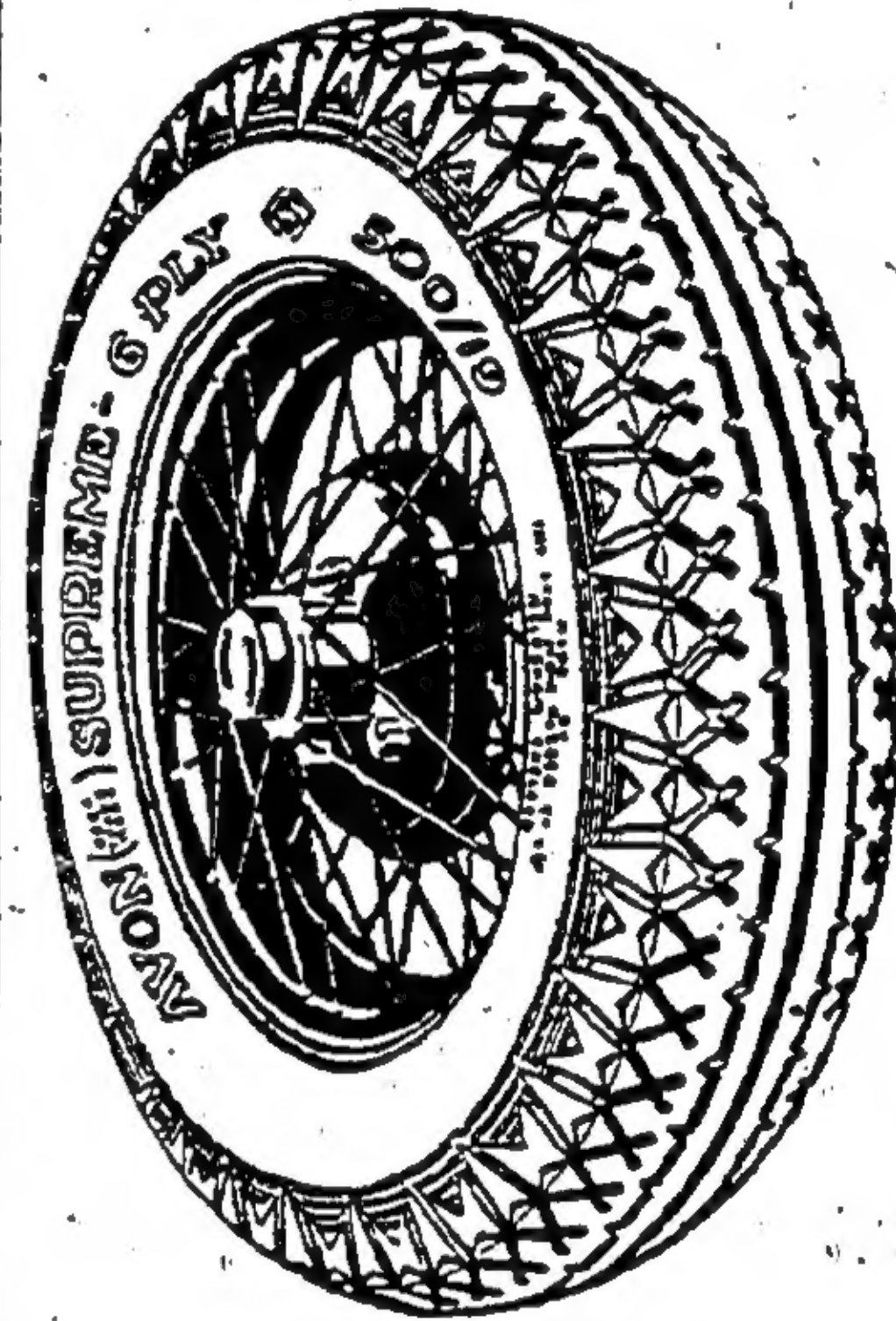
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## MARTIAL LAW IN ADDIS ABABA

Timely Arrival Of Askaris At French Legation

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER WOMAN REPORTER MISSING

Addis Ababa, To-day. A state of martial law has been proclaimed here and a martial court has been established to deal promptly with plunderers and to enforce respect for the law. This is regarded as an essential step towards the restoration of normal life and conditions.

The last case of mob action was declared to have been an attack on the French Legation towards midnight on Tuesday, when, just as the defenders of the Legation building were feeling hard pressed, a section of Askaris appeared from behind the attackers and put the mob to flight with machine-gun fire.

The French Legation informed the Italian command that a company of French Senegalese had been despatched to Addis Ababa from Djibouti, but on arrival at the capital's railway station they will be sent back again by the next train.

Italian Legation Unscathed. General Badoglio has taken up Headquarters in the Italian Legation which, strange to say, has not been plundered.

The United States Legation announced that the only person belonging to the American colony that is missing is a newspaper reporter, Miss Eleanor Meade, who, however, might have boarded the last train to Djibouti before the plundering began.

General Graziani occupied Jijiga on Wednesday and is hastening on to Harrar, 30 miles away, expecting to complete the distance in two days.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## NO MORE MUSICAL DRIVES

Royal Tournament For Olympia

London, To-day.

The Duke of York, accompanied by the Duchess and the Princess Elizabeth and her sister, opened the Royal Tournament at Olympia yesterday afternoon. It is possible, owing to the progress of mechanisation, that this will be the last year the famous musical drive by a battery of the Royal Horse Artillery will figure in the programme.—British Wireless Service.

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## ITALIAN COLONIAL ACTIVITY

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—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

A very rosy future is predicted by the press for Italian colonial activity in the newly conquered territory, and this has produced general elation amongst the rank and file of the Italian nation. This was increased by the tone adopted by Premier Mussolini in his address to the nation on Tuesday, so that a number of suggestions are now under discussion and capital only is now needed for carrying them out.

The sum mentioned is gigantic—authoritative Italian quarter, and it is tacitly admitted here. At the same time rumours that negotiations are going on in London for a loan for Italy were diminished by the heavy cost likewise denied. All conjectures of this kind are said to be devoid of any foundation.—Trans-Ocean Service.

No agreement has actually been signed, state those who circulate this information, but negotiations are in full swing. The financiers impose the condition that the money must not be used for military purposes, but exclusively for productive colonial development.

It is asserted that the new administration in Abyssinia is busy abolishing slavery and other social vices. It is also suggested here that the name of the Abyssinian capital should not be changed, as Addis Ababa, in Amharic, means "new flower," so that if this were to be the sense of the new name in the Italian language, the capital city would, according to the present proposal, be known in future as "Nuova Fioreza."

Mirage Disappears. Rome, later: The mirage of immense constructive activity in Abyssinia to begin in the very near future with the aid of American capital, disappeared again on Thursday morning when an emphatic denial of any prospects of financial aid of this kind was issued from an

to insist that they, too, shall make their contribution to Central European stability? We should ask them to offer substantial economic concessions to Austria, in which connection we should no doubt be prepared to waive our advantages under the most-favoured-nation clause. Likewise we should ask them to withdraw their objections to the restoration of the Austrian monarchy.

Clear Conditions. Those should be the clear conditions for our continued support of Austrian independence. And it can be confidently assumed that our influence, together with that of France, if vigorously exercised, is sufficient to ensure their acceptance.

The Austrian question has got to be decided now. Let the statesmen of Europe learn from their own mistakes the fatal results of putting off decisions.

Germany has taken the law into her own hands in the Rhineland, and no amount of searching for gestures will undo the damage to confidence. The past can bury itself. It is the future that calls for our attention. The Rhineland crisis of 1936 will be succeeded by the Austrian crisis of 1937 unless we take steps to forestall it.

## TYRE FACTORY STRIKES

LABOUR TROUBLES AT AKRON

Akron, Ohio, To-day.

Labour difficulties have arisen in the tyre factories. Five people were injured after the discharge of a gun during a demonstration yesterday. It is reported that two sections have struck. It is understood that the origin of the trouble was the installation of pace-setters, and also a demand for shorter hours.

Later: The strike, as far as one section is concerned, has been temporarily settled. The terms have not been announced.—Renter.

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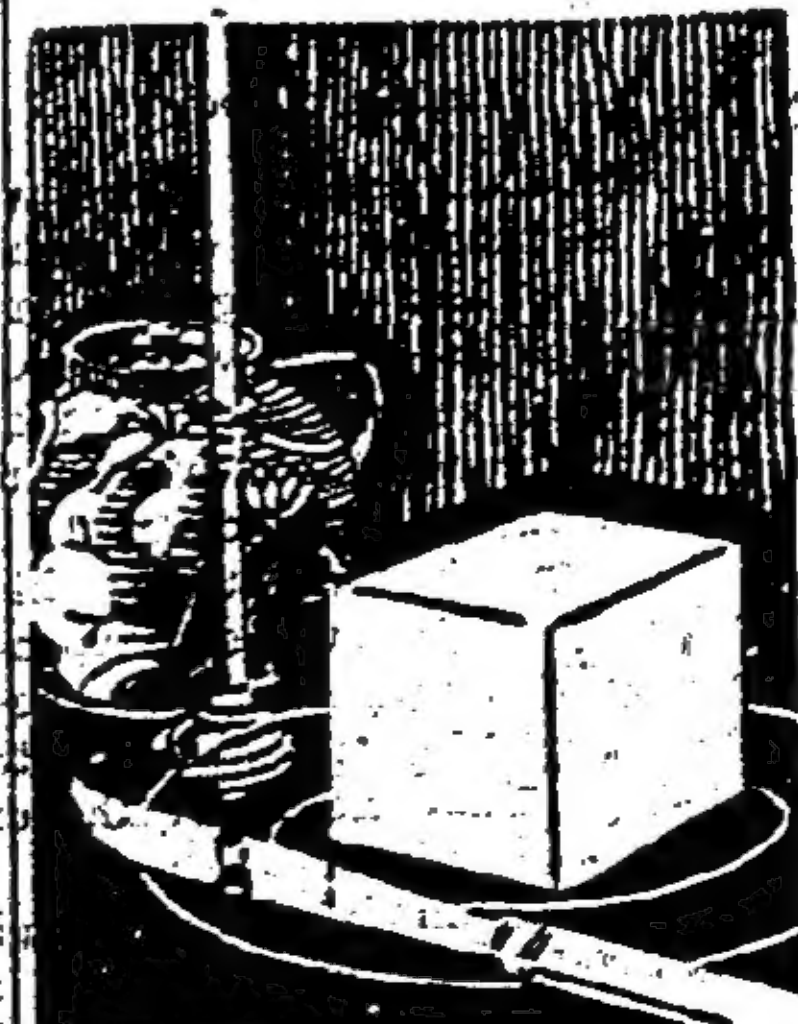
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# Over And Done With

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Jill's grey eyes ran over him reflectively, sizing up the man she was about to renounce.

Charles was big, like his mother. A trifle heavy for his years; would probably be fat at forty. He patronised an excellent tailor, was always faultlessly turned out; but now, regarding him with eyes no longer out of focus through emotional disturbances, Jill realised with a little shudder that Charles was smug.

Yes, quite definitely smug! How could she have ever contemplated him as a husband?

Charles picked up his hat, his stick, his gloves, and turned for a last word.

"If I go now, believe me I'll never come back. You can't play fast and loose with a Ragshot."

Jill assured him that she had no desire to play fast and loose with anyone. Her heart smote her when she saw how demoralised he was. She went close, put one long-fingered hand on his tweed coat sleeve. Said in that lilting, seductive voice of hers:

"Charles, dear, please believe me when I say I am sorry."

He flung off her placating hand, marched into the small lounge hall, and banged the front door behind him with a violence that made the bungalow quiver.

The daily girl poked a surprised countenance round the edge of the kitchen door.

"Bin rowin'," she said briefly to the cat.

Jill's mother was sitting quietly in the back garden knitting, blissfully unconscious of the drama going on indoors. She was very fond of knitting, but not very good at it.

At present she was at work on little shoes for her elder daughter's baby. She had already made quite a lot, but they had a most tiresome habit of turning out different sizes, and she was obliged to start over again.

There was quite a regiment of odd little shoes put away in a drawer, none of them pairing, but Mrs. Darling had not yet abandoned hope of success.

She glanced up abstractedly as her daughter appeared.

"Thank goodness that's over," observed Jill, flopping into an orange deck-chair with a sigh.

"What's over?" Her mother's attention was only partially distracted from her precious knitting.

"Two plain, two purl—"

"I'm free," said Jill.

"Free?" Vaguely Mrs. Darling raised eyes as grey as Jill's own.

The girl held out her left hand, bare of the handsome stone that had glittered there for the last six months.

"Looks funny without it, doesn't it?" continued Jill, looking at her third finger. "I feel quite nude."

Mrs. Darling dropped the baby shoe in consternation.

"My dear—not again!"

Jill nodded.

"Um! Couldn't help it, mumsie. I'd have murdered poor Charles if I'd gone on."

Mrs. Darling looked shattered.

"You've ruined my Saturday afternoon. I so enjoy Saturday afternoons in the garden, with you home from the office and everything. Jill, what made you do it? Have you quarrelled?"

"Oh, no. Charles came to take me along to watch him sign the contract for the house. And suddenly I knew I couldn't. It's been coming on quite a time, of course—this cooling off Charles. At first he seemed so restful after Bill's wild enthusiasms and Arthur's tenseness. I liked his calm, pedantic manner, his assured position in the world. I felt I'd be secure with Charles. Please, mumsie, try to understand."

Jill clasped slim hands round hunched up knees and gazed unseeingly at the hollyhock border.

"And then, gradually, I began to wake up. Just as if I'd been doped, and the drug was wearing off. Charles started to get on my nerves. His mannerisms—even his back view at tennis when standing up at the net. He always would bend and look ridiculous. Oh, and heaps of tiny silly things that count terribly if you're going to marry a man. And then his conversation irritated me, he was always so smug."

Mrs. Darling nodded.

"A trifle, perhaps. But a most estimable fellow, and so well-off."

"Now, mumsie—don't be mercenary."

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# Bringing Up Father



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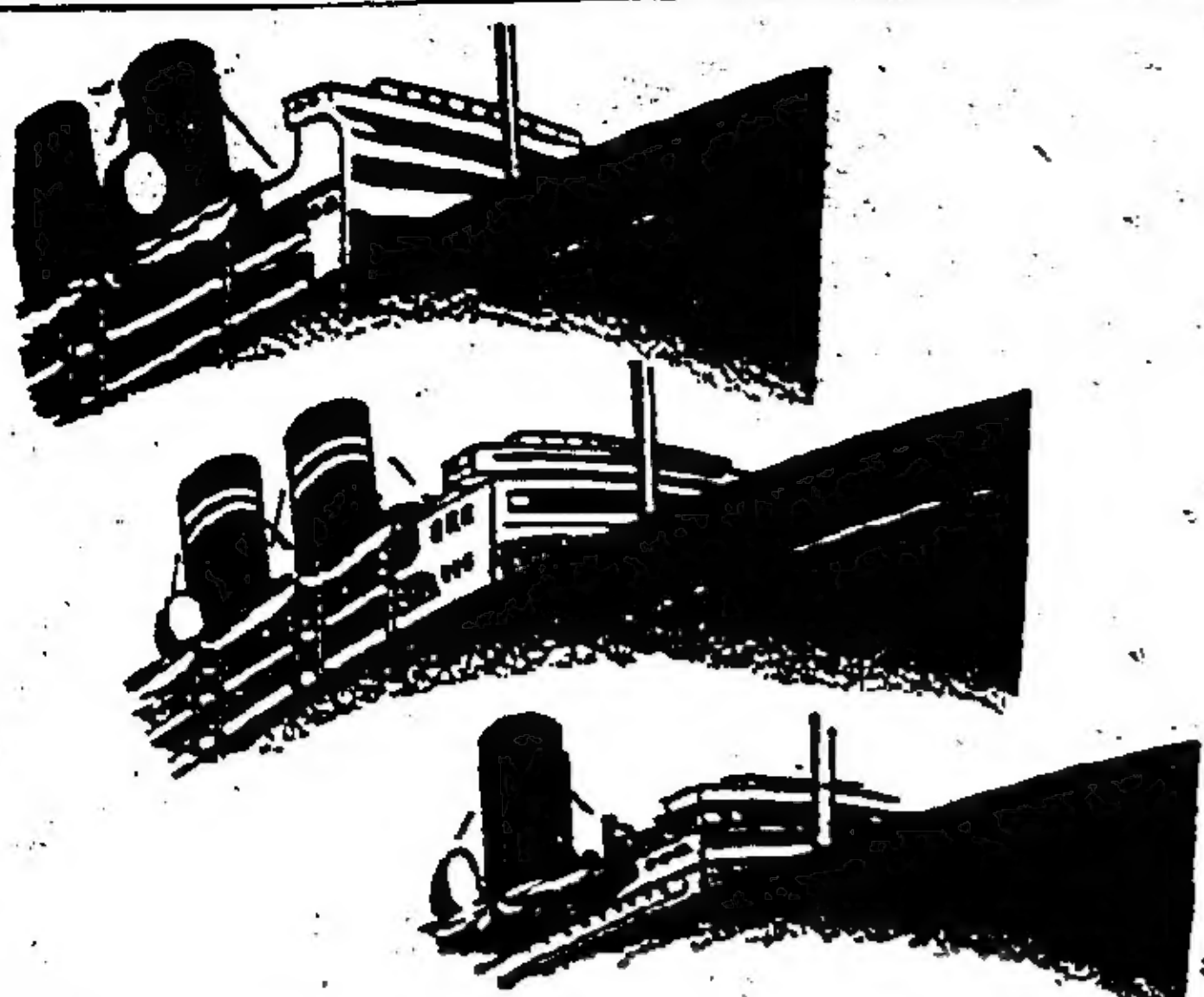
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## OVER AND DONE WITH

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"I'm not really, Jill. I'm simply practical. We have to think of your future. Since father died, there hasn't been much money, and a trail of broken engagements won't improve your chances of a good marriage. I don't think what Mrs. Henderson-Bagshot will say. For you to throw over her only son—your reputation will be in shreds!"

Jill laughed. "It is now. So why worry? Ever since I stayed out half the night with Bill!"

"Hush, child. You shouldn't talk like that. Such statements are open to misconstruction. You couldn't help getting stranded without petrol late at night."

"I wonder how many charitable people in this delightful town gave us the benefit of the doubt?"

Everyone who really knew Bill, returned Mrs. Darling with unexpected spirit. "He was such a nice boy!"

Her daughter's lips curled. "You surprise me, mother, considering the way he behaved later on."

"I never could understand that business," Mr. Darling took up her baby shoe again. "You were both young and fiery, quick to take offence. I wonder where Bill is now?"

"I neither know nor care," returned Jill with vigour. "He was a cad. I'm beginning to have doubts myself, now, as to that running out of petrol being an accident."

"Jill! You know you don't mean that."

"A man," declared the girl, her elfin face hard, "who could behave as Bill did would be capable of anything."

"Well, well," observed her mother peaceably, "we were talking of Charles, were we not? The episode of Bill is over and done with."

"Yes," echoed Jill, "over and done with."

She still gazed at the hollyhocks. Bees were busy there, hovering round each separate flower, lingering awhile to sip the honey, then passing on. Just like Bill Lorimer, who had passed on to a silver-gilt blonde nearly two years ago.

Jill shoved an orange pillow behind her, silken, dark curls. Produced cigarettes. How she hated blonde women, and above all, how she hated Bill Lorimer!

Mrs. Darling was speaking again, half to herself.

"When I think of Helen," she remarked, alluding to her elder daughter, "I cannot understand why you are so restless and difficult to please. Helen was never any trouble. She left school, worked for eighteen months in a bank, married the accountant, and had a baby within the year. All so easily and naturally, without any bother."

"Helen is a dear, but horribly orthodox!"

"You're a dear, too. But horribly unorthodox. Frankly, Jill, I'm worried about you. About your future. I thought you were comfortably settled. What's to become of you if you go on like this?"

"I shall be an old maid. A terrifically smart, up-to-the-minute old maid," said Jill comfortably.

"And I'll collect elephants. Model ones, of course. Ebony and ivory and cornelian and jade. And I'll go to the ends of the earth hunting for them in fascinating curio shops in the mystic East."

"And where's the money coming from?"

"Echo answers where," agreed Jill.

The daily girl came out into the garden looking scared.

"Mrs. Henderson-Bagshot to see you, mum," she said.

"Oh, dear!" Mrs. Darling dropped several stitches. "Where is she, Connie?"

"I put her in the sitting-room, mum, same as you told me to do with callers."

"Yes—quite right, Connie. I'll come," Mrs. Darling rose unhappily, looked at her daughter with reproach. "Now see what you've let me in for! I'm doomed for a bad quarter of an hour through your naughtiness. How I wish they wouldn't come to me. I shall never forget the way Arthur stamped up and down imploring me to persuade you to take him back. She trailed off disconsolately, a ball of wool unravelling itself in her wake.

"Poor little mumsie. It's a

shame," said Jill, and sank deeper into her deck-chair trying to feel contrite. But it was such a relief to be no longer engaged to Charles.

Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Henderson-Bagshot faced each other in the pretty chintzy sitting-room. Charles' mother was a large, upholstered-looking lady dressed in purple maroon, her ample bosom decorated with a long gold chain, a diamond brooch and a row of buttons.

She sat very straight in her chair and seemed to tower over Mrs. Darling, who felt rather like a small brown hen in the presence of a particularly fearsome hawk. She decided to agree with everything the visitor said. It was the pleasantest way to deal with such situations.

Charles' mother drew a quivering breath and said in her most committee-meeting voice:

"Mrs. Darling, your daughter has behaved disgracefully."

"Yes," agreed Jill's mother. "hasn't she?"

Mrs. Henderson-Bagshot looked taken aback. This unexpected rejoinder was disconcerting. She had anticipated a warm defence of the girl's conduct from the mother. Had come, indeed, well primed with several biting, well-timed phrases with which to annihilate this widow of a retired dairyman. Trades-people merely.

Whereas the Henderson-Bagshots had been civil service for generations.

Yet here was this nondescript little woman regarding her deprecatingly, agreeing with her that Jill's behaviour had been monstrous. Saying:

"I'm so sorry. I am indeed. I'm very fond of Charles. I'm sure he would have made Jill an excellent husband. Perhaps she will change her mind, if we give her time."

"No girl shall play with the affections of my son," declared his mother majestically. "Jill must abide by her decision. Charles would never take her back after this."

"Poor fellow—I hope he isn't too heart-broken."

"Oh, not at all. In fact, if you'll excuse my bluntness, Mrs. Darling, I think he's well out of it. I came merely to offer you a little advice. As one mother to another. Get Jill away. Her name will be mud in Upweald after this. No decent man will look at her again. Even in these advanced days, men like the girls they marry to be—er—chaste."

"Jill is a good girl," Mrs. Darling said with simple dignity. "The scandal-mongers can say what they like. There's nothing bad in my daughter. She's sincere in her attachments whilst they last. And she isn't fast."

"Really?" Mrs. Henderson-Bagshot raised plucked eyebrows superciliously. "Three broken engagements, and you say that she's sincere, and that she isn't fast? If that's so, then I think, Mrs. Darling—I honestly think—if you'll forgive my saying so—that I'd have her medically examined, if I were you."

"Medically examined? But Jill is so healthy. She's never been ill in her life."

Charles' mother gathered luxurious furs about her plump shoulders.

"Physically fit, no doubt. But since she's so—er—eccentric in her behaviour where men are concerned, I really think I'd have her psycho-analysed. I do indeed. May be there's a little weakness—mentally. Or some submerged inhibition. Good-afternoon." And, rising regally, Mrs. Henderson-Bagshot sailed away from the small bungalow she had always despised. Out of sight and out of the life of Mrs. Darling.

Jill was amusing a ginger cat with her mother's ball of wool when Mrs. Darling returned.

"Charles' mother thinks you can't be all there, dear. To throw over three men, and one her own son."

Jill laughed. "I've escaped a terror of a mother-in-law, anyway."

"All the same," mused Mrs. Darling, sitting down, "there may be something in what that woman says about getting Jill away. I'll see what Helen thinks about it."

Mrs. Henderson-Bagshot's aimable suggestion that Jill's name would be mud in the district was not without foundation. Particularly since that lady herself took an active part in the throwing thereof. She was a leading light in the small town, and the less brave of Jill's friends felt it policy

to take the side of strength rather than justice, since it was within the power of Mrs. Henderson-Bagshot to make things exceedingly unpleasant for those who came under her displeasure.

Jill found herself, during the next few weeks, quietly but unmistakably "dropped."

Tennis parties, swimming parties, dances and what not were organised without her. Girls who had been her friends ceased to know her. For here was Charles—the most eligible bachelor in Upweald—free again, and was there not a chance for them if they sided with the Henderson-Bagshots?

Jill held her pointed chin high, and declared her indifference.

Mrs. Darling went up to London to see Helen about it.

Helen was dark and slender and attractive, like Jill, with the same seductive low voice. But she was less impulsive than Jill. Less quick-tempered. When she felt angry Helen never spoke until she'd counted ten. It made all the difference, saved many a hurtful, biting phrase from being uttered. Perhaps if Jill had counted ten when she'd faced Bill Lorimer with the silver-gilt blonde this story would never have been written.

Helen listened gravely to her mother's tale. Agreed that Jill had better come away.

"I'll ask Harry if he knows anyone who requires a typist. She could live with us for a bit until she'd found her feet."

"I can't make out why Jill doesn't settle down," sighed Mrs. Darling.

"I can," said Helen, and added something that caused Mrs. Darling to open her grey eyes wide.

"Oh, no, dear. I'm sure you're mistaken. That's all over and done with."

"They were a couple of young idiots. They were just made for each other. I don't think Jill's ever forgotten."

"She simply loathes the very sound of his name."

"Exactly," laughed Helen.

Mrs. Darling went back to Upweald, and Helen spoke to her husband:

"Well, that is rather queer," said Harry. "Whom do you think I met to-day who's wanting a typist?"

The outcome of this was that before giving notice to the solicitor's office in Upweald, where she was employed, Jill journeyed to Town to interview the man who was needing a secretary.

It would be nice to get away for a bit, thought Jill, from a place where one was notorious, to a city where nobody knew anything about one, and cared less.

The office was at the top of a large block of buildings in Bishopsgate. The man she had to interview was a Mr. Grey. She was received by an office boy:

"This way, please. You're expected." Shown into a room where a very tall, rather loosely-built young man lounged at a large business-like desk.

Jill caught at the wall for support and breathed one word:

"Bill!"

"Ah, Jill, how are you? Quite nice to see you, after all this long time. How's things?"

"I thought you were abroad," she managed, gazing at him as if she'd seen a ghost. "Where's Mr. Grey? Harry told me—"

"I arrived back from India last month, having successfully started a new agency in Bombay. Robert Gray is my partner. I've got on a bit since the old days."

"I'm glad. Did you see any elephants in Bombay? Amber, cornelian, ebony and jade? I rather thought of collecting—"

She pulled herself together, conscious of his curious gaze, fearful that maybe she was talking nonsense.

"Won't you sit down?" said Bill Lorimer, and faced her across the desk.

His blue eyes were gay and mocking as they used to be, not as she has seen them last, when they'd been hard, and the colour of steel.

"So you want a job in the City, eh? Tired of working in the wilds of Upweald?"

"Upweald's tired of me would be nearer the truth."

"What? The attractive Jill Darling no longer topping the bill?"

"No longer anywhere on the bill," Jill grinned at him, determined to be as airy as he. "Too many followers allowed—and not enough stability."

Bill bowed his dark head.

"Ah—still breaking hearts, young woman. You bashed mine, back

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about pretty thoroughly two years ago, I don't mind admitting it."

"I?"—indignantly. "And what did you do to mine?"

"Nothing, unfortunately, or you wouldn't have thrown me over so completely. However, that's all past history. It's jolly to see you again, now that time has healed the breach and we can be friends."

Jill said, trying to sound casual: "And how's your wife? I'd like to meet her."

"Haven't got a wife."

"But that night we quarrelled—you told me you hoped something would come of your friendship with the blonde."

"Quite right. Something did come of it, though not wedding bells."

"I don't understand."

"No. You didn't before. You didn't even try to—just walked out on me and left me flat."

"You refused to explain."

"Because you condemned me without a hearing."

Jill said, after a pause: "Need we rake all that up again, now?"

"Not unless you wish."

"I came here about a post as secretary."

"So you did. Of course. What's your speed? Pretty rapid, I should think judging from what I've heard of your goings-on at Upweald," Bill grinned.

Jill stood up. "It's nothing to joke about. I suppose you believe what the gossip says?"

"I never condemn without a hearing. Knowing you as you were, looking at you as you are, I should say you are the same splendid little scout."

The girl turned abruptly and made for the door.

"Jill Darling!"

She paused—uncertain how to take that. It was awkward sometimes having a surname like hers.

"Yes."

"Where are you going?"

"Home. I couldn't possibly be your secretary."

"It's Grey who wants the secretary. He had to go out. I'm merely deputising. He'll be here in about ten minutes."

"Oh—Half reluctantly Jill came back.

"My secretary," continued Bill, electing not to notice the mistiness about her eyes, her surreptitious ministrations with a handkerchief, "is very plain, very pleasant, and very efficient. She's a good forty in the shade, moth-eaten brunette, and hates men. Especially young men. You'd like her."

"Jill's impish smile crept out. "You are a fool, Bill."

"Yes," he agreed with unexpected gravity, "I believe I am, or have been." Then he cleared his throat, said with a change of manner: "What about testing your shorthand? Wasn't it a little weak? Take



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## CIVIL LIST BILL

Commons Pass Second  
Reading

LABOUR AMENDMENT  
REJECTED

London, To-day.

The House of Commons yesterday passed the second reading of the Civil List Bill and rejected by 205 votes to 95 a Labour amendment asking for the surrender of the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall in exchange for a fixed annual sum of money.

Major C. R. Attlee (Lab., Limehouse) agreed that the Duchies were administered well and generously, but they were in no way private estates. Their revenues fluctuated and were likely to involve a controversy, which the Sovereign should be placed above.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, agreed that the amendment could hardly be moved in terms less likely to give offence. Any fluctuations of income would be in the nature of the general movement throughout the country, and it would be an advantage that the Sovereign should personally feel some effects which were present in the minds of his subjects.—Reuter.

## GREYHOUND AND ITS TAIL

Faster It went The  
More It Curled

WOMAN BUYER WINS  
£40 CLAIM

The curly tail of King's Folly, a coursing greyhound, was the subject of a £40 claim heard last month at Newcastle-on-Tyne County Court. It was declared that a tail that was not outstretched in action was a grave defect in a greyhound.

Mrs. Clara Gardiner Mitchell, of Winchill, Gloucestershire, who bought King's Folly from Mr. J. McKeown, of Newcastle, claimed repayment of the money, alleging breach of warranty. She won her case.

Dr. Charlesworth (for Mrs. Mitchell) contended that the dog was useless owing to its peculiarity of a curly tail. This prevented it from turning when coursing.

Never Uncurled  
Mrs. Mitchell, giving evidence, said that Mr. McKeown told her in a letter that the dog uncurled its tail when running. Her experience was that it never uncurled its tail while running or walking about. "The faster it goes the more it curls," she added. "If I had known this I would never have bought it."

Mervyn James Hapgood, of Cirencester, said that when he slipped the dog last November it followed the hare, but failed to turn it. The dog tried to turn, but was unable to do so because of its tail, which curled over its back "like a clock spring."

The tail was the balancing part of a greyhound, and should be stretched straight behind the dog.

"No Good As A Pet"  
"The dog is no use as a coursing greyhound," Hapgood added. "The only thing to do is to put it under the ground. It is no good as a pet, it would steal everything in the house. That is the nature of greyhounds."

Replying to Mr. J. Harvey Robson (for Mr. McKeown), Hapgood said that King's Folly's curly tail was a deformity, which was probably present at birth. He admitted that 30 years ago greyhounds had more curl in their tails. Now, when dogs were bred for speed, their tails were straighter.

Michael McKeown, a commission agent, of Albion-street, Newcastle, father of the defendant, and until the sale to Mrs. Mitchell, the dog's real owner, then gave evidence. He stated that the dog straightened his tail when running. He gave no warranty when selling, because the dog was only a pup.

Trainer's Evidence  
Thomas Amos, head trainer at Gosforth Stadium, Newcastle, said that he had seen King's Folly galloping with its tail outstretched. Some grey-



The policy of large armaments for America was sharply criticised by Senator Gerald Nye, above, in the Senate yesterday, when he deprecated the fact that U.S. armaments annually gave the chance to the military dominance in Japan to point a finger at America.

## IMPORTS INTO POLAND

Prohibited By Special  
Decree

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Warsaw, To-day.

A semi-official news agency reports that the Cabinet Council has decided to publish a decree prohibiting the import of any goods into Poland, but adds that this prohibition constitutes a purely technical measure which does not in practice signify that the importation of all foreign goods into Poland is henceforth impossible.

The object of the decree is, so the agency continues, to create the means of controlling imports. Importers who want to import prohibited goods may obtain import licences within the existing scope of the quotas.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## AMY MOLLISON'S SUCCESS

Record Broken By  
Over 11 Hours

London, To-day.

Mrs. Amy Mollison, who set out from Gravesend at 8.05 a.m. G.M.T. on Monday to break Lieutenant Rose's record for a flight to Capetown of 3 days 17 hours 38 minutes, reached Capetown yesterday afternoon at 2.31 p.m. G.M.T., beating Lt. Rose's time by 11 hours 12 minutes and recapturing the record for the England to the Cape flight, which she previously held.—British Wireless Service.

## ANGLO-ARGENTINE TRADE

Agreement To Be  
Revised

London, To-day.

Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, announced yesterday that the British and Argentine Governments are exchanging notes whereby they will enable the existing trade agreement to terminate on July 1. In the meantime discussions are proceeding for the revision of the agreement.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

## MARCH IN GAS MASKS

Ambulance Men Give  
Demonstration

Wearing gas-masks and carrying stretchers, members of the Sheffield corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade last month marched through the streets of that city. They were holding the first demonstration there to illustrate precautionary measures during air raids.

Specially-trained members of the brigade are shortly to start classes in Sheffield and South Yorkshire, at which the public will be taught the use of masks and other anti-gas precautions. Women will be specially urged to join the classes.

The local authorities have in-

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hounds had curly tails, but were never really good dogs.

Judge Thesiger, giving judgment for £40 and costs for Mrs. Mitchell, remarked that he was quite satisfied the dog had a tail which was never stretched in action. No one dealing in greyhounds would have bought it without the assurance that Mr. McKeown had given in the letter.

## HITLER'S PEACE PROPOSALS

British Memorandum  
To Germany

COUCHED IN POLITE TERMS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Berlin, To-day.

The British questions to Germany, for the purpose of clearing up some points of the German Government's Memorandum of March 7, 24 and 31, were handed in by the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, to the Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, yesterday.

The text of the note has not been published and it is understood that its publication is not intended for the time being. According to the Berliner Tageblatt the questionnaire deals with problems involved in the German peace proposal, but does not refer to the occupation of the Rhineland or to the transition period which, according to the German suggestions, should pass till the actual opening of negotiations for peace in Europe.

LORD HALIFAX'S MISSION  
Paris: The British Lord Privy Seal, Lord Halifax, it is stated by the press here, will, after the meeting of the League Council, proceed to Berlin to open direct negotiations with the German Government on peace in Europe. It is claimed that the Quai d'Orsay has already officially been notified of the proposed visit to Berlin of Lord Halifax.—Trans-Ocean Service.

COMPLICATED DOCUMENT  
Berlin: A high official of the Wilhelmstrasse told Reuter that the British memorandum on Herr Hitler's peace proposals was couched in polite terms but was a complicated document which needed thorough study.

Reuter was further informed that the text of the memorandum deals thoroughly with the German proposals to safeguard the peace of Europe without dealing with the question of a transitory period or the Rhineland problem.—Reuter.

## HIGH COST OF STRIKERS

Denmark Counts The  
Cost

Copenhagen.—Drastic action is to be taken by the Government following the failure last month of negotiations to end the great labour stoppage, which had already cost Denmark about £2,280,000 since it began a month before. It was decided to introduce a bill in Parliament, which would Order the ending of the then lockout; and Prohibit all strikes and lock-outs.

The main object of the second clause was to avert the strike in the slaughter-houses threatened for this month. A stoppage of meat trade workers would have a serious effect upon Denmark's important export business with Britain.

## AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

Lord Glanely Wins  
Appeal

An appeal of special importance to breeders of thoroughbred horses has been decided by the Newmarket Assessment Committee.

The appellant was Lord Glanely, and the question for decision was whether the stud buildings on his stud farms at Exning, near Newmarket, were deatable under the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act of 1928. To succeed in his appeal it was necessary for Lord Glanely to satisfy the committee that the operations carried on at his stud farms were agricultural operations. The appeal was decided in his favour.

The decision is the outcome of Lord Glanely's income-tax appeal in 1933, when the House of Lords decided that the profits from stallions' fees were covered by the assessments on his stud farms, a decision which conferred great benefit on breeding and horse racing in this country.

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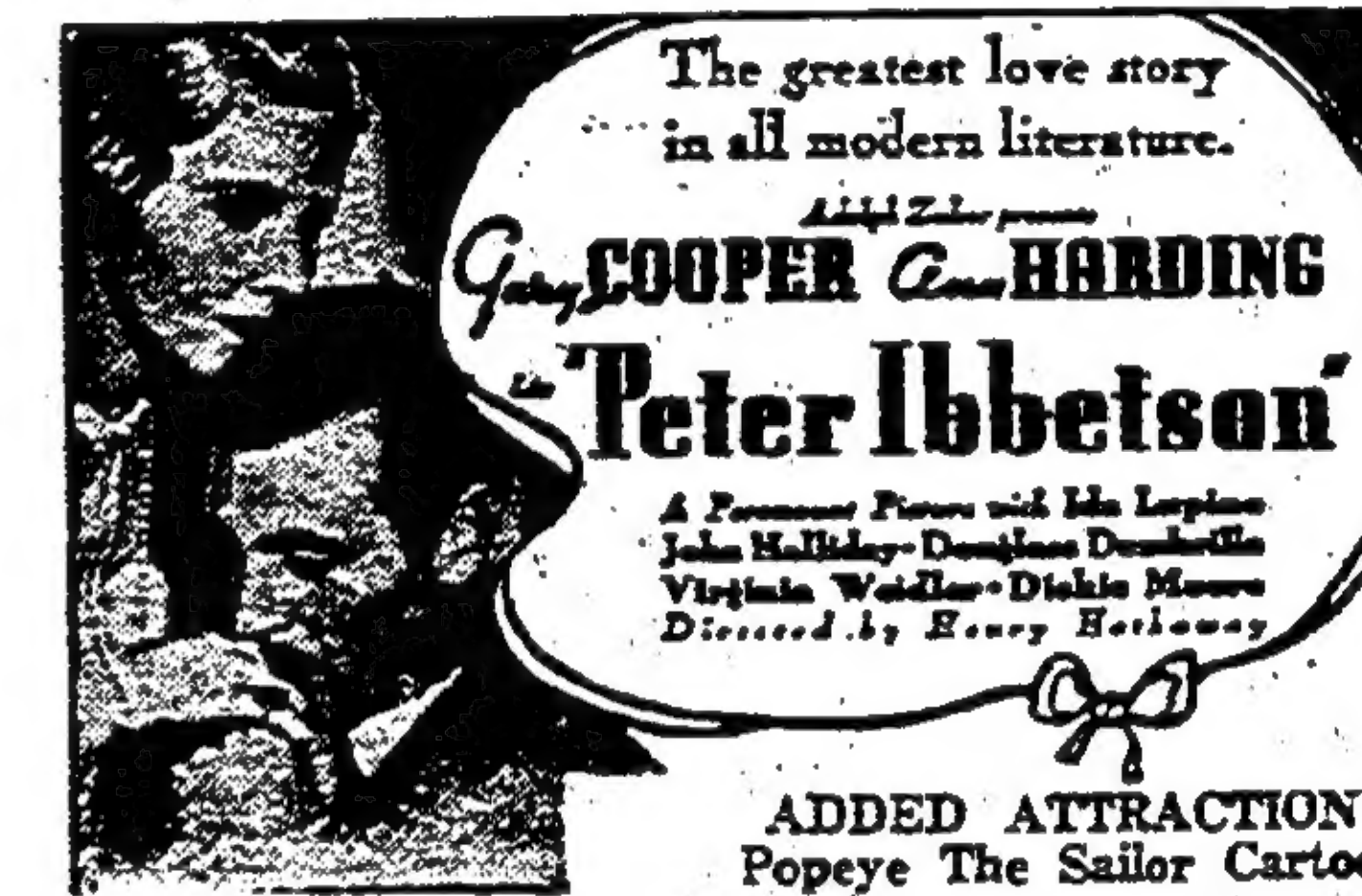
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